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Kowloon	6.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.35	4.25	5.55	7.10	8.40	10.50	12.15
Yau-mat-ti	6.50	8.25	10.40	12.10	1.45	4.35	6.05	7.20	8.50	11.00	12.25
Shatin	7.02	8.36	10.51	12.21	1.56	4.46	6.16	7.31	9.01	11.11	12.36
Tai-po Market	7.16	8.49	11.04	12.34	2.09	4.59	6.29	7.44	9.14	11.24	12.49
Fanning	7.31	9.03	11.18	12.48	2.24	5.14	6.44	7.59	9.29	11.39	12.54
Shung-shui	7.36	9.07	11.22	12.52	2.29	5.19	6.49	8.04	9.34	11.44	12.59
Shum-chun	7.42	9.13	11.28	12.58	2.35	5.25	6.55	8.10	9.40	11.50	13.05

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Shung-shui	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.13	7.38	9.08	11.18
Fanning	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.17	7.42	9.12	11.22
Tai-po Market	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.27	7.52	9.22	11.32
Shatin	7.58	8.43	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.31	7.56	9.26	11.36
Yau-mat-ti	8.01	8.55	11.29	12.32	3.50	4.56	5.51	6.44	8.09	9.39	11.49
Kowloon	8.20	9.03	11.27	12.30	3.58	5.04	5.59	6.52	8.17	9.47	11.57

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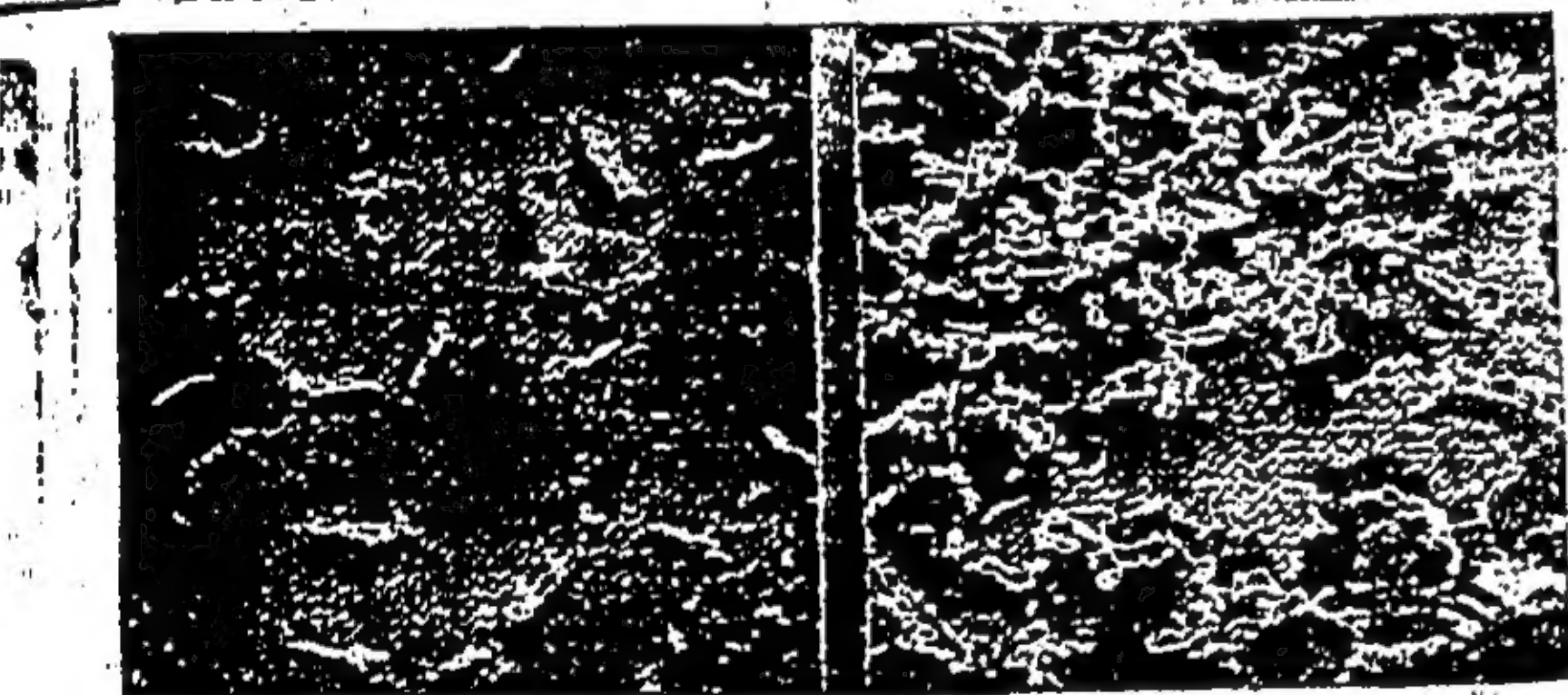
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## JAPANESE FINANCES.

### BANKER'S HOPES FOR COUNTRY'S RECOVERY.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Yokohama Specie Bank, the Chairman, Mr. Kenji Kodama said, among other things, that, in the period under review, Japan's economic world was still in what has become known as the readjustment stage and was unable to free itself completely from depression. Moreover, an adverse trade balance was reflected in foreign exchange, which recorded an unprecedented fall, and this fall, high prices and the embargo on the export of gold were the subjects of nation-wide discussion during the half-year.

The Government are, as an example by carrying out its largest plans for readjustment and retrenchment in connection with administration and finance. The general public followed the Government's example, and the spirit of thrift and of hard work became increasingly noticeable, which is a good augury for the recovery of the country's economic position.

For the purpose of comparing the chief statistical items with those of a previous corresponding half-year, it seemed better, went on the speaker, to avoid using the figures for the second half of 1923, as that period was so greatly affected by the earthquake disaster, and the figures for the corresponding half of 1922 had, therefore, been chosen for the comparison. On the one hand, this comparison showed that the index of wholesale prices rose 8 points to 213, and that the total bank clearings for the whole country increased by ¥2,739,000,000 to ¥38,978,000,000, an apparent indication of better times in the business circles, but, on the other, the new capital issues for business enterprises decreased by ¥11,000,000 to ¥184,000,000, and the stock of merchandise stored in the country's warehouses at the end of the half-year had decreased by 200,000 pieces with a total of ¥990,000, and these latter figures clearly indicated the depression in business.

Money was easy during the period, to which condition the non-borrowing policy of the Government, the influx of the proceeds of foreign loans and the repayment of the French yen loan all contributed, as did also the fact that the bulk of the money realised from debenture loans, amounting to ¥400,000,000, was utilized for the liquidation of old debts. Rates showing a downward tendency, the "descent of the first instalment for the destroyed silk," which had been looked forward to without anxiety, was effected quietly. Towards the close, the Bank of Japan's advances increased until they exceeded ¥780,000,000, due to requirements for settlements at the end of the year, but even so call money remained easier than in the previous year.

## U.S. INCOME-TAX SCANDALS.

### TREASURY'S COUNTER-CHARGE.

There is excitement here wrote the New York Correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph last month over a charge by Senator Couzens that the Treasury Department, headed by Mr. Secretary Mellon, "presumably by way of revenge for the disclosures of millions of dollars in tax rebates allowed to the Atlantic Gulf and West Indies Shipping Company," reported in the Daily Telegraph, had served notice on him that he is millions short in his own income-tax obligations to the Government. Mr. Couzens, formerly one of Mr. Henry Ford's associates in the Ford Motor Company, ranks almost with Mr. Mellon as one of America's wealthiest men. He is now senior Senator from Michigan, in which capacity he has been conducting an investigation into the Bureau of Internal Revenue. In retaliation for such investigation and the allegation that the Treasury "fraudulently permitted the shipping company to escape its quota of income tax," Mr. Couzens says the Treasury is trying to force him to pay over \$2,000,000 in taxes, over and above those he paid when he sold his holdings in the Ford Company to Mr. Ford in 1919. Mr. Couzens says he has been warned by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that he must either sign a waiver or square up within a week.

Not merely the Atlantic Gulf, and West Indies Company is charged with failing to comply with the income-tax regulations, but other concerns, such as the Steel Trust, the Aluminium Trust, and copper interests. Mr. Couzens, an Independent Republican, strongly resents the idea of "being punished" for alleged irregularity, and declares that no amount of persecution amounting to intimidation will prevent him pressing his efforts "to clean up the Internal Revenue and other Governmental Bureau." In the case of the shipping concern Mr. Mellon has authority to permit reductions if payment of the full amount claimed would involve bankruptcy. As to the other cases cited by the Couzens Committee, Mr. Mellon answers that the facts are not as stated. No sane American questions Mr. Mellon's absolute integrity and scrupulous regard for law, as he may be authorised to interpret it, and most citizens are personally grateful to him because, by his sound financing, he secured a 25 per cent. reduction in the income-tax "on earned income" up to \$22,000 annually, and even people who derive their income by clipping dividend coupons from bonds are allowed under the present law to count their first \$1,000 as "earned."

## PICKLES FOR WEMBLEY.

At the special request of the Agricultural Department, F.M.S., Mrs. W. E. Kinsey, wife of the State Forest Officer, Negri Sembilan, is despatching 98 bottles of various preparations of pickles, chutneys, jams, etc., made out of Malayan fruits, for the Exhibition at Wembley this year. Mrs. Kinsey sent some of her preparations for the 1924 Wembley Exhibition, and a diploma for similar exhibits at the local Agri-Horticultural Show, and the Malaya-Borneo Exhibition.

## THE LATE LORD RAWLINSON.

### FAVOURITE CHARGER FOLLOWS THE COFFIN.

Government offices were closed for the day at Delhi on March 31st. The Lord Rawlinson memorial service took place in the morning.

The funeral cortege was most imposing and included the Viceroy's Bodyguard and the 20th Bengal Lancers. The procession took nearly an hour from the Hospital to St. James's Church in Kashmiri Gate. The church was crowded to the utmost limit. Lady Rawlinson was present. The Viceroy and Lady Reading, the Governor of the Punjab and all civil and military officers attended. Large crowds assembled en route and in the vicinity of the church. General Sir George Barrow represented the King, Colonel Worgan the Prince of Wales and Colonel Headman of the Scots Greys. Prince Arthur of Connaught, Lord Rawlinson's charger, Quercus, which he rode throughout the Great War, followed the coffin with boots reversed in the stirrup leathers, led by the Aide-de-Camp, Risaldar Mahomed Yasin Khan, of the 8th Cavalry. The Commander-in-Chief's orders and medals were carried on a velvet cushion by Staff Sergeant Major Coplin, his Personal Assistant for many years. On the coffin draped with the Union Jack were reposed his full dress, helmet and sword and a beautiful wreath from Lady Rawlinson and another from His Majesty the King-Emperor. The pall-bearers were Generals Sir Claude Jacob, Sir Stuart Wortley, Sir C. Kirkpatrick, Sir H. Walker, Sir A. Skeen, Sir John Shea, Sir E. Atkinson and Sir E. Ellington.

Bishop Durrant of Lahore delivered a short but eloquent address, extolling the late Commander-in-Chief. The Viceroy's late Commander-in-Chief. The Viceroy's band provided the music and the chancel was a mass of lovely wreaths. The commemorative service which included Psalm 15 and concluded with Lord Rawlinson's favourite hymn, "Abide with me." The buglers of the Duke of Cornwall's Regiment then sounded the Last Post, followed by three volleys by the 24th Frontier Force Rifles in the churchyard. The Force's drums, called and the buglers' "Reveille," magnificently rendered, closed the last tribute to a great soldier.

The coffin remained guarded by the 86th Rifles until it was removed from the church at six in the evening to the station in procession and then went by special train to Bombay. The train halted for guards of honour to pay their respects and for salutes. At Bombay the coffin was placed on board, Captain Ranken, R.A.M.S., in charge and the troopship *Assaye* left immediately.

Lady Rawlinson has been offered and has accepted a military funeral for the late Chief in London.

## ORIGIN OF A TOAST.

### CITY COMPANIES AND ULSTER.

#### A 300-YEARS-OLD LINE.

An interesting episode in the history of London and Ulster was recalled last month when the Masons' Company entertained at dinner in the Mercers' Hall, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs and its associated companies—the part it played in connection with the plantation of Ulster in the opening years of the seventeenth century. The Master of the Masons Company (Mr. H. A. Grover) presided over a large gathering.

The Chairman, proposing the toast of "The Associated Companies," mentioned that the association of the Mercers, Masons, Broderers, and Cooks had its origin in 1609, when James I. tried to induce the City of London to take up the colonisation of a part of the Province of Ulster, now known as the Ulster Plantation scheme. The Royal idea was that the City of London should pay a large sum to the Crown for the privilege of colonising an area devastated by war. Strong objection was taken, and eventually the City Companies were roped into the scheme under threat of having their charters taken away. Several of the smaller companies were grouped together in order to take a share in the rare and refreshing fruit. (Laughter.) The result was the formation of the County of Londonderry, the great city which became its foster mother. Roads were made, drainage works carried out, and a most satisfactory housing scheme was entered on. (Laughter.) The combination of the Mercers, Cooks, Broderers, and Masons in those days was the foundation of the associated companies of the toast. In the year 1603, at the completion of the land purchase schemes, the financial partnership came to an end. For over 300 years the Mercers' Company had looked after the interests of the minor companies, to the satisfaction of all, and though the financial partnership had now come to an end the partnership of goodwill still continued. (Cheers.) There were two things about the partnership which were unique. During the 300 years' trusteeship of the Mercers' Company they never once issued a balance-sheet or statement of account. (Laughter.) The reason probably was that the balance was always on the wrong side. (Laughter.) The other unique feature of the partnership was that there was no legal writing: it was all a matter of good faith. (Cheers.)

Capt. Victor Gordon, replying to the toast of "The Viceroy," proposed by the Chairman, remarked that when Newfoundland was first granted responsible government a good deal of hilarity was aroused in this country. One caricaturist drew a picture of the Newfoundland House of Commons presided over by a Newfoundland dog and its membership consisting of Newfoundland dogs. The Speaker, putting a motion, was made to say, "Those in favour say 'Bow'; those not in favour say 'Wow';" and he declared "the Bows have it." (Laughter.)

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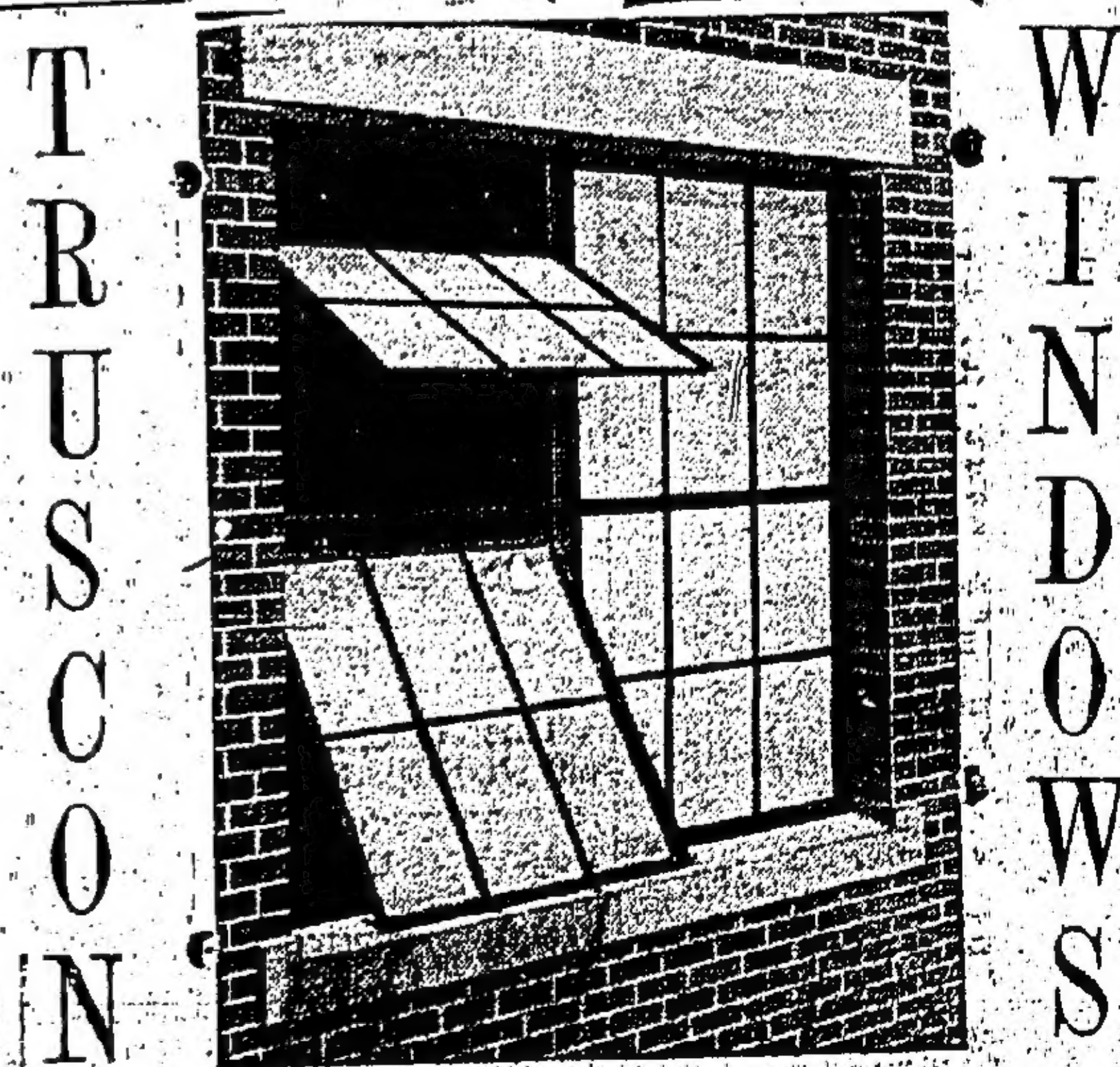
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## COMPANY MEETING.

### SHANGHAI MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company was held on April 14th.

Sir Edward Pearce, who presided said: Gentlemen.—You will have gathered from the correspondence which has appeared at various times in the *Municipal Gazette* of last year and also from the Resolution which was passed at the last Ratepayer's Meeting, that your Directors have been in negotiations with the Shanghai Municipal Council and the French Municipal Council for the renewal of the Company's Franchise Agreements which terminate in about twelve years from now. The question of the revision of rates and the introduction of the automatic telephone has also been discussed and decided upon.

These negotiations have resulted in new Franchise Agreements being tentatively agreed to between the Councils and the Company, and a draft of the Agreement with the Shanghai Municipal Council was published in the *Municipal Gazette* of this morning and has been also open for your inspection in our office during the past week.

AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL. There are one or two points which I might refer to before I proceed with the two resolutions before the Meeting.

By the Agreement with the Shanghai Municipal Council the profits of the Company are limited as follows:—

- Dividend to Shareholders to 8 per cent.
- Equalization Dividend not to exceed 8 per cent. of the capital outlay of the Company.
- Reserve Account not to exceed 10 per cent. of the capital outlay of the Company.
- The balance of profit after providing for the above to be carried to a Tariff Revision Suspense Account.

The tariff of charges to the Company's subscribers is subject to quinquennial revision when the balance standing at the credit of the Tariff Revision Suspense Account will be taken into consideration.

The Company's subscribers are in a very large majority as compared with the Shareholders of the Company and the Council have deemed it desirable in the interests of the former that an endeavour should be made for a closer working relationship between the Council, representing subscribers, and the Company in the future, and for this purpose the Directors have agreed to accept the suggestion made by the Council that one of the Directors on the Board of the Company should be nominated by the Council.

TERMS OF NEW FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

The terms of the New Franchise Agreements allow the Company to carry on until 1937 and thereafter for successive periods of ten years, the only limitations to the agreement being that should the Council wish to purchase the business and undertake of the Company, they can give two years' notice before the expiry of any of these periods.

It has been found necessary to amend our Articles of Association to meet the above points and this is the reason for the alteration of a number of our Articles as called for in Resolution I.

These alterations were proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. C. M. Bain and carried *unanimously*.

TO INCREASE CAPITAL OF COMPANY.

The Chairman stated that in view of the limitation of the shareholders' dividend to 8 per cent., the Council have agreed with the Company to equalize the amount standing at the credit of the Company's Share Premium Account. To allow of an equitable capitalization of this amount, a certain sum has been transferred from the Company's Dividend Equalization Account, so as to bring the total to be capitalised up to Tls. 500,000, which will permit of a bonus issue to the shareholders of one share for every four held by them. To enable the Company to carry out this bonus issue, it is necessary in the first place for the capital of the Company to be increased from 40,000 shares of Tls. 50 each to 80,000 shares of Tls. 50 each, or an increase of the share capital of the Company from Tls. 2,000,000 to Tls. 4,000,000.

A resolution to this effect was passed, subject to confirmation at a subsequent meeting.

## RUBBER COMPANIES.

### PAJAM AND PANTAL.

An extraordinary general meeting of Pajam, Limited, was held at Hongkong Bank Chambers, Singapore, on the 9th inst., at which the company approved the purchase from Pantani, Limited, of the estate and undertaking of that company, including book debts and cash in hand and all assets whatsoever, in consideration of the issue to Pantani, Ltd., by Pajam, Ltd., of 45,000 shares of \$5 each out of the unissued capital of Pajam, Ltd., and allotted as fully paid up, and in consideration of Pajam, Ltd., undertaking to pay and satisfy all debts and liabilities of Pantani, Ltd., and all expenses of liquidation of Pantani, Ltd., if liquidation ensue within one year from date of sale.

## MENTAKAB RUBBER CO.

In their report for the year ended January 31st last, the directors of Mentakab Rubber Co. state that the accounts show a net profit for the period of \$19,593.09 after making due provision for directors' fees and depreciation. The balance carried forward amounts to \$11,548.19; there is thus standing to the credit of the profit and loss account at the close of the financial year the sum of \$28,409.28. This the directors recommend should be dealt with as follows: Dividend for 1924-25 at 5 per cent. \$14,973.25; carry forward to next account \$13,436.03.



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## COMPANY REPORTS.

### CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-eighth ordinary general meeting reads as follows:—  
Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1924.

The net earnings for the past year amount to \$288,565.49 which with \$246,792.90 profit on sale of Kennedy Town property and \$1,757.29 brought forward from the previous year, gives the sum of \$536,115.68 which it is recommended be appropriated as follows:—

To Interim Dividend for 1924 \$101,332.50  
To place to Equalization of Dividend Account 100,000.00  
To place to Reserve Account 90,000.00  
To write off from Godown Equipment Account 7,442.83  
To pay a Final Dividend of 80 cents per share on 170,000 old shares 136,000.00  
To pay a Final Dividend of 47 cents per share on 30,000 bonus shares 23,100.00  
To pay a Final Dividend of 18 cents per share on 396,247 new shares 71,324.46  
and carry forward to the Credit of next year's Account 13,925.59

Consultants.—The Very Rev. Father H. Souvey and Mr. J. P. Warren required during the year and the Very Rev. Father L. Robert and Mr. T. G. Weall were invited to join the Committee. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. H. P. White, the Very Rev. Father L. Robert and Messrs. Lee Hysan and T. G. Weall retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming are eligible for election.

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### "LANE" CRAWFORD, LIMITED.

The report for presentation to shareholders at the third annual ordinary general meeting reads as follows:—

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to shareholders a statement of accounts made up to 28th February, 1925. The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account after allowing for Depreciation and Bad and Doubtful Debts, together with balance brought forward from last year, viz., \$28,719.07 amounts to \$221,279.83 which the Directors propose to allocate as follows:—

General Reserve \$20,000.00  
Dividend of \$1.25 per share 150,250.00  
Bonus of 15 cents per share 19,750.00  
Bonus to Staff 14,085.90  
Carry forward to new account 24,193.93

Board of Directors.—The Board of Directors consists of Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Chairman), Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, Mr. Chan Tong, Mr. J. D. Thomson, Mr. E. M. Raymond (Directors), Mr. R. L. Bridger, Mr. F. M. Crawford, Mr. W. A. Eustace (Managing Directors).  
In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr. Chan Tong retires but being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Secretary.—S. J. Jordain.  
Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis who offer themselves for re-election.  
W. E. L. SHENTON, Chairman.

## SHANGHAI WATERWORKS CO.

### SATISFACTORY YEAR'S WORKING.

At the annual meeting of the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., on April 16th, the Chairman (Mr. H. Martin Little) said that the total receipts for 1924 amounted to Tls. 1,790,533.84 against Tls. 1,368,056, an increase of Tls. 424,477.84, and the total expenditures was Tls. 835,563.50 against Tls. 722,680.26, an increase of Tls. 112,883.24, thus making a net increase in the revenue of Tls. 381,594.60 for the year's working, and leaving a balance of Tls. 954,970.34 carried to credit of profit and loss account, against Tls. 573,375.74 the previous year.

At the Ratepayers' meeting last week a resolution was passed authorizing the Council to revise the agreement made with the Waterworks Company.

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Hongkong Fire Insurance \$465.00  
Union Insurance \$271.00  
Douglas Steamships \$24.00  
H.K. & M. Steamships \$36.00  
"Star" Funnels \$172.00  
Watsons \$26.00  
China Sugar \$26.00  
Langkate (combined) Tls. 28 1/2 nom.  
Kowloon Wharves \$196.00  
Whampoa Dock Tls. 121 nom.  
Shanghai Dock Tls. 127 1/2 nom.  
H.K. & S. Hotels \$117.00  
Hongkong Land \$304.00  
Humphreys Estates \$304.00  
Two Mills Tls. 12 nom.  
Shanghai Cottons (old) Tls. 60 b. (new) 30 1/2 b.  
Orientals Tls. 3.90 b.  
Cements (combined) \$314 & \$32.00  
China Lights (combined) \$304 & \$36.00  
Providents (old) \$284 b. 27 1/2  
Dairy Farm \$178 b. 75/79  
Hongkong Electric \$484.00  
Hongkong Ryepes (combined) \$484.00  
Hongkong Tramways \$444 & b. & a.  
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**CHINESE PERSISTENCE.****AN EXAMPLE FROM TURKESTAN.**

Mr. C. P. Skrine, late Consul-General in Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan), delivered a lecture on March 20th at the Royal United Service Institution to the members of the Central Asian Society on "The Roads to Kashgar." Lord Peel presided.

The lecturer said that the country of Kashgar comprised the southern portion of Sinkiang. The native name for the country was "Alteshahr," or the Six Cities. The large majority of the inhabitants were Turkish of mixed Nordic and Mongol stock, and were Mahomedans, speaking an archaic form of the Turkish language known in Europe as "Eastern Turki."

"Sinkiang" meant the "New Dominion," but the word "new" was used in a relative sense, that is to say it was new for China, having been conquered by the emperors of the Manchu dynasty in the first century B.C. Since then the Chinese have been many times turned out of the country by Uighurs and Mongols, by Kalmyk Drungurs and Khokandi Muslims, but they had always reconquered it. The last occasion on which this happened was in 1877, when the 11-year-old kingdom carved out for himself in Kashgar by the Khozandi adventurer, Yakub Beg, was overthrown by a Chinese army which had taken four years in coming and had stamped out the great Tungan rebellion in Shensi and Kansu on the way.

The lecturer went on to enumerate the more important roads to Kashgar from India, Afghanistan, Russian territory, and from China proper, and to discuss their characteristics. The difficulties with which the Indo-Chinese-Turkestan trade had to contend were so great that it was marvellous that the route Srinagar-Leh-Yarkand, the most important and longest established route from the point of view of British trade, could be used at all. Apart from the notorious Zoji La, near Srinagar, between Leh and Karghalik, five passes over 15,000 feet high had to be crossed, of which three were difficult and even dangerous, though the highest of all, the Karakoram, 19,550 feet, was easy.

**WHEAT-EAR DISTINCTION.****WHEN SUN YAT SEN APPEARED ON CHINESE STAMPS.**

Mr. Fred J. Melville, the well-known writer on philatelic topics, refers in the *Daily Telegraph* to Dr. Sun Yat Sen's one appearance on the postage stamps of China, and the delicate etiquette of the Oriental which made it necessary to give China two issues, each of twelve denominations, at the same time. After the Republic had been proclaimed in 1912, the Imperial stamps, he says, were marked with Republican overprints until new stamps could be engraved and printed. The new stamps came in November, 1912, and bore portraits of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and President Yuan Shih Kai. It would have raised fine points of precedence if they had been portrayed together on each stamp, or on alternate values in the series. So two complete sets were made, a full set with each portrait; the frame design is similar for each, but there is a subtle distinction in the ears of wheat which embellish the frame. On the Sun Yat Sen series, the ears of wheat are unripe, suggesting his part in sowing the seeds of revolution and bringing it to its successful issue. The wheat is ripe on the President's series, marking the fruition of the revolution in the establishment of the Republic.

**BITUMEN IN THE BIBLE.****WORLD'S OUTPUT OF OIL.**

Professor J. S. S. Brame lectured last month in aid of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London on "Petroleum in the Service of Man." Although there was undoubted evidence, he said, that bitumen (a petroleum product) was known to the Hebrews, and was, in all probability, the "slime" used as mortar in building the Tower of Babel, and petroleum was produced ages ago on a small scale in the East, the "oil age" is of little greater antiquity than 1859, when Colonel Drake struck oil in Pennsylvania. Mineral oil had almost revolutionised the world. Man had probed a large portion of the globe in search of oil, and production had reached enormous figures. In 1913 the world's output was 51,000,000 metric tons; in 1923 it was estimated to be 133,500,000 tons. In 1913 the estimated production of oil in the United Kingdom was about 100 million gallons. To-day it may safely be computed to be some 300 million gallons.

**CINEMA NOTES.****QUEEN'S THEATRE.**

Viola Dana in "Dangerous To Men" is announced as the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre, for a run of three days, beginning to-day. "Dangerous To Men" is an adaptation by A. P. Younger from H. V. Esmond's stage drama, "Eliza Comes To Stay," which had a big run in London when it was produced there with Mr. Esmond and Eva Moore in the leading roles. It is the most ambitious production of Miss Dana's career and she is said to have found her favourite rôle as the school girl Eliza, who is thrust at the age of eighteen into a bachelor's household, where, although she has taken every precaution to make herself "safe" from men, she suddenly finds that she has the power to make herself dangerous.

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**SHANGHAI RATEPAYERS.****NEW LOAN OF SIX MILLION TAELS.**

In the course of his address at the annual meeting of Ratepayers at Shanghai on April 15th, Mr. Essenden (Chairman of the Council) said:

We have again been in the position of being able to balance the Ordinary Budget without any increase in the main headings of Taxation, which it is proposed should remain the same as last year—Land Tax at the rate of 7/10th of 1 per cent on the assessed value of the property, and the General Municipal Rate of 14 per cent on the assessed value of land which took place last year resulted in raising the values on which the tax is collected from Tls. 238,223,400 to Tls. 335,925,300. Departmental expenditure continues to grow, but this is not surprising when you consider the rapid development that has taken place within recent years. The expenditure of all departments is subjected to the closest possible scrutiny, and no outlay is sanctioned until the Council is satisfied that it is in every way desirable.

We are again asking your authority to incur a large sum, amounting to Tls. 5,000,000, in this despite the fact that no portion of this sum is required by the Electricity Department. While we are fully aware of the increasing interest and amortization charges occasioned by each year's addition to our debt, we can see no immediate relief from the necessity of incurring further heavy capital expenditure on public improvements. Indeed, the outgoing Council has been somewhat exercised in its mind as to the sources from which the Loan requirements of the future will be financed. It appears to us necessary to widen the area from which our past support has been obtained, and this matter will be recommended to the attention of the incoming Council.

**H.M.S. "HAWKINS."****SUBJECT OF QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

Mr. Davidson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty (Hemel Hempstead), answering Commander Bellairs (Maidstone, U.), in the House of Commons on March 18th, said the time required for building the *Hawkins* was three years and two months, and the total cost, including guns, was £1,628,743. The estimated time for the building of the *Effingham* was eight years and three months, and the estimated total cost, including guns, was £2,175,000.

Commander Bellairs asked whether the very great difference in the cost was due to the time the latter ship would take to build. Mr. Davidson: I should not like to say so off-hand. Mr. Erskine (St. George's, U.): Would it not be best if those ships were built in Germany? (Laughter.) Mr. Davidson: No, sir.

**FOUGHT ON BOTH SIDES.****SHANGHAI MAN'S INTERESTING WAR RECORD.**

An American citizen of Danish-German origin, Max Lorenzen, who was at the U.S. Court, Shanghai, on April 14th, granted a discharge from bankruptcy by Judge Purdy, owed some of his difficulties to the Great War.

A resident of Tientsin in 1914, he refused to enlist in the German army. This action led to his arrest and subsequent appearance in the front lines at Tientsin as a very unwilling conscript fighting against the British. He was taken prisoner by the British and sent to a prison camp in Australia, but secured his release before the end of the war.

He reached America at the time that country took part in the war, enlisted in the U.S. Army, as a private and finished his military career as a Captain.

**RECONSTRUCTED EGGS.****PROFESSOR ON CHINESE SUPPLIES.**

Lecturing last month under the auspices of the People's League of Education, at the Medical Society of London, on "Prevention of Adulteration," Professor Dixon, of Cambridge University, said that putrefaction was the safety valve which indicated the condition of food. When a chemical substance was added to stop putrefaction it did not stop the growth of these micro-organisms which caused food poisoning.

In France, Germany, the United States, and Sweden, the professor, the use of boric acid in food was absolutely forbidden. Even our Colonies had forbidden the use of it. There was hardly a poison known which one could not take in small quantities without an apparent injury, and people could take boric acid in that way. Practically everyone was taking on an average eight grains of boric acid a day. One began taking it at 3 years of age, and did not stop until one died. It was possible in twenty-four hours to take as much as thirty grains. The maximum dose in the British pharmacopoeia was fifteen grains. Experiments made on kittens showed that those fed on milk with boric acid in it died within three or four weeks; those fed on ordinary milk thrived. Experiments also made on some students showed that, after a course of special food containing boric acid, they did not absorb food in a normal manner.

Professor Dixon added that Chinese eggs had the whites dried and the yolks preserved in bottles with boric acid. When they arrived in this country the eggs were reconstructed. These were largely used in confectionery and cakes. As one gave these things to children it was a direct way of introducing boric acid to young children.

**LOCAL SPORT.****INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.****ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE WIN THE GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.**

The annual Inter-School Sports Meeting was held yesterday afternoon on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley. There was a large attendance and among those present were H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), who was accompanied by his private secretary (Mr. Gaisford-St. Lawrence).

St. Joseph's College gained a run away victory in the majority of the events, thereby securing the Governor's Shield which had previously been held by St. Paul's College, who were second yesterday, with Queen's College third.

The competing schools were the Diocesan Boys' School, Queen's College, St. Paul's College, St. Stephen's College, and St. Joseph's College.

The officials were as under:—Starter, Mr. J. C. Fletcher; Judges, Messrs. A. H. Crook, W. Kay, C. Beecher, A. Bower, G. Hughes, E. G. Stewart and H. G. Wallington; Clerks of the Course, Messrs. P. Sands and S. S. Leung; Time-keepers, Messrs. A. E. Dome, J. Ralston and J. L. Macpherson; Scorers, the Rev. Bro. Cassian and Mr. W. D. Trafford; Referee, Mr. R. C. Witchell; Hon. Secretaries, the Rev. E. K. Quick and Mr. T. J. Price.

**THE RESULTS.**

The results in the various events were as under:—

100 Yards.—1. K. Omar (St. J.C.); 2. J. Cassumbay (St. J.C.); 3. C. Hachima (St. J.C.). Time: 10.3.5.

Long Jump.—1. Pang Kai Ting (St. P.C.); 2. U. Man Shu (St. P.C.); 3. Tam Kin Chung (Q.C.). Distance: 17ft. 5ins.

220 Yards.—1. K. Omar (St. J.C.); 2. J. Cassumbay (St. J.C.); 3. U. Pak Hin (St. S.C.). Time: 24.4.5.

One Mile.—1. Lo Woo (St. J.C.); 2. Wong Ping Kwan (St. P.C.); 3. L. Castro (St. J.C.). Time: 5mins. 15secs.

Quarter Mile (Ellis Kadoodle Challenge Cup).—1. Li Ping Tong (Q.C.); 2. K. Omar (St. J.C.); 3. Fung Ting Ki (St. P.C.). Time: 60secs.

High Jump.—1. Tong Ki Chung (Q.C.); 2. C. Remedios (St. J.C.); 3. J. Santiago (St. S.C.). Height: 5ft. 3in.

Half Mile (Canton Nanyang Brothers Challenge Cup).—1. Li Woo (St. J.C.); 2. A. Castro (St. J.C.); 3. E. Yamashita (D.B.S.). Time: 15.3.5secs.

Hurdles.—1. Chan Sim Ngok (St. P.C.); 2. C. Hachima (St. J.C.); 3. Wong Man Chi (St. P.C.). Time: 18.1.5.

Senior Team Race, eight in a team, 200 yards each. (Sir Paul Chater's Cup).—1. St. Joseph's College; 2. St. Stephen's College; 3. St. Paul's College. No time was taken.

Junior Team Race, eight in a team, 200 yards each. (Nestle Anglo-Swiss Milk Company's Cup).—1. St. Joseph's College; 2. Wanchai School; 3. St. Paul's College. No time was taken.

The Governor's Shield, which is held for one year by the school gaining the most points, was won by St. Joseph's College, with 51 points; 2. St. Paul's College, 30 points; 3. Queen's College, 11 points.

**TROPHIES PRESENTED.**

At the conclusion of the sports, H.E. the Governor presented the various cups and medals to the winners. Prior to his doing so, Mr. B. Tanner, (Headmaster of Queen's College), before asking His Excellency on behalf of each school represented there, to be good enough to present the shield, cups and the medals to the winners of the different events, said that he felt sure they would agree that he ought to assure His Excellency of their appreciation of the keen interest he had always taken in them and the school sports (applause). It was an interest that had been very generously expressed in the presentation of the very handsome shield, and no less than in the continued kindness of His Excellency in finding time to come there year after year and be with them on occasions of this kind. (applause). He would not keep them any longer, but on behalf of the schools of Hongkong he thanked His Excellency very much indeed both for his continued kindness and in coming down that afternoon and he would ask him to say a few words and after that, if he would, to present the medals, cups and shield to the winners of the different events. (applause).

**THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**

His Excellency, before presenting the trophies said—Ladies and gentlemen, and boys, I am very pleased to have the opportunity once more of handing over the prizes to the winners of the sports. As Mr. Tanner tells you, I have always endeavoured to take a high interest in all the schools of the Colony in all their aspects, but if I may say so, more in the athletic than in the scholastic side of school-life. For this reason it has been a great pleasure to me to see so great an interest taken in school athletics, which I have noticed since I have been here, and the keenness of the competition this afternoon shows how far the sporting interest of the schools are involved in these annual competitions. I congratulate St. Joseph's most heartily on winning the shield, but I am rather sorry it was such a run-away victory for them. I trust this will not have any discouraging effect on the other schools, and I hope that Queen's College will rally next year and win the shield. I see that the shield has so far been practically in the possession of St. Paul's College, and while we sympathise with them in parting with it, it may be that it is in the interest of sport generally that it does not remain in one school too long. (applause). His Excellency then presented the trophies to the winners, after which the proceedings concluded with cheers for the Governor.

**LAWN TENNIS.****H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.**

The lawn tennis tournament was continued on the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground yesterday, when the results were as follows:—

Men's Championship Doubles.—H. D. and A. S. Hett, 8-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Ng Sze Cheong and Yung Hin Lun beat C. and J. Choo, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4. Lieut.-Col. Montague Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West beat T. Lay and N. Trambitsky, 7-5, 3-6, 2-8, 6-4, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles.—Dr. D. R. Gaylor and Dr. G. E. Aubrey (4-3) beat H. C. Gould and F. A. Henslowe (1-0), 6-0, 6-2. W. Ironside and G. C. Hickling beat P. H. Bonnerman and G. van Edmond, 6-3, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "B".—H. J. Armstrong (4-3) beat D. D. Dryden (scr.), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

**TO-DAY'S GAMES.**

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

Handicap Doubles.—P. W. Green and Lieut.-Col. E. D. Matthews v. S. and D. Green.

Club Championship.—Capt. T. Monaghan v. A. H. Crook.

Handicap Singles "B".—H. J. Armstrong v. A. K. Mackenzie.

**FOOTBALL.****K.F.C. TO PLAY SOUTH CHINA FOR CHARITY.**

An interesting match is to take place on the ground of the Kowloon Football Club to-morrow afternoon. The Kowloon Football Club (who are the winners of the Hongkong Challenge Shield), will oppose an XI. from the South China Athletic Association (runners-up in the Hongkong League), and the proceeds of the game taken at this match will be for the benefit of the Kwong Wah Hospital. The object is a worthy one, and the game is one which will be interesting to watch, as a match between these two teams always provides a contest worth going to see. It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance of spectators.

In view of the game being played on a week-day, and to give all a chance of seeing the match, the kick-off has been fixed for 5 p.m. The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon Football Club:—B. Rasmussen; F. Wheeler; F. Rand; A. W. Turner; J. McBride and C. Cavellier; R. Mason; S. G. Hayes; J. McBride; A. Duncan and J. Muir.

The South China side are turning out their powerful first division league combination.

**HOCKEY.****H.K.H.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.**

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.H.C. against a United Services team to-morrow evening at 5.30 p.m.:—P. W. F. Mills, A. P. T. Farquharson, C. L. E. Becker, A. S. Hett, Rev. E. L. Martin, A. A. Dand G. P. Lampert, G. R. Vallack, W. Woodward (captain), B. D. Evans and T. J. Price. The game will be played on the U.S.R.C. ground, and anyone unable to play should notify Mr. E. W. F. Mills (Central 36) as early as possible.

**H.V.D.C. SPORTS.****FORTHCOMING FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.**

The first annual athletic meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has been definitely fixed to take place on Monday, June 1st, and it is hoped that the Hongkong Football Club's ground at Happy Valley will be secured for the event.

At a general meeting to deal with the arrangements for the sports, the following committees were appointed:

GENERAL.—Lieut. S. J. Jordain, M.C. (Chairman), Capt. R. Melville Smith, M.B.E. (Engineer Co.), Lieut. H. E. D. Adams (Scottish Co.), Corps Sergeant E. Westlake, D.C.M., C.S.M., W. H. Edmonds, C.S.M., A. W. Thornhill (Reserve Co.), Pte. L. D. McNicoll (Scottish Co.), Pte. A. C. I. Bowker (No. 1 Platoon), Pte. V. Goulburn (Armoured Corps), Spr. G. R. Maskell (Engineer Co.), Lieut.-Col. D. E. Western (Engineer Co.), Corp. J. P. Bridger (Machine-gun Platoon), G. J. Harrop (Artillery Co.), (Mounted Infantry), Corp. E. J. R. Mitchell (Hon. Secretary).

SUB-COMMITTEES.—Finance: Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff, 2nd Lieut. H. E. D. Adams, and Pte. A. C. I. Bowker. Ground: Corps Sergeant Major H. Westlake, D.C.M., C.S.M., A. W. Thornhill and Pte. V. Goulburn. Publicity: Pte. L. D. McNicoll, Lieut.-Col. D. E. Western and Spr. G. R. Maskell.

The Corps will be divided up into the following eight units for the purposes of competition for a Unit Challenge Cup, to be presented by Lieut.-Col. Bird, D.S.O., Artillery Company; Engineer Company; Mounted Infantry; Armoured Corps; Machine-gun Platoon; No. 1 Platoon; Scottish Company; and Reserves.

Entries close on May 10th, and have to be made in writing, accompanied by the entrance fees, to the Hon. Secretary, Sports Committee (Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, c/o Bradley & Co., Ltd., or to Corps Sergeant Major H. Westlake, D.C.M., Volunteer Headquarters).

The programme of events arranged include races for 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, one mile, 3 miles and 120 yards hurdles. There will also be the high jump, long jump, throwing the cricket ball and putting the shot; while in addition to the tug-of-war and team relay race, there will be a six-side football competition.



## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[REPORT BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR R. COLLINS).]

## MORE ARMS CASES.

Mak Sing was charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, with being in possession of a revolver and three rounds of ammunition. Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that two men were approaching a police picket between Sham Shui Po and Mongkok, and the first man walked past all right, but the second hesitated, and turned as if to go back. The police called on him to stop, but instead he began to run away. The police ran after him, and it was stated that he drew a revolver. Shots were exchanged between him and the police, and one policeman shot him in the leg.

Prisoner said that the revolver was not his property. A lot of people were running about and he started to run, and then he was shot in the leg. The revolver was not found on him, but lying in the street.

That was true, said Mr. Holmes, but the police identified the man because he was wearing white shoes.

Sentence of eight years' imprisonment with hard labour was passed.

Ip, Choi was charged with being in possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition. Mr. Holmes said that police who boarded a tram-car searched the defendant and found the weapon in his pocket. The bullets were "dum dums." Prisoner said he had been paid to carry the revolver. His Lordship passed sentence of five years' hard labour.

Chun Yau Wing was charged with being in possession of four automatic pistols, eight spare magazines, and 107 rounds of ammunition, which were discovered in a box on board the s.s. *Lingchow*. Prisoner said the constable who arrested him said that he would not search him if defendant gave him \$500. His Lordship passed sentence of seven years' hard labour.

## RETURNED DEPORTEES.

For returning to the Colony after having been deported for a period of ten years, Kwok Pan was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Tse Yau Man, who was deported for life in June 1923, appeared on a similar charge and was sentenced to three years' hard labour. Prisoner said that he was on his way to attend his mother's funeral in the country, and had to go through Hongkong in order to get there.

## SCISSORS OR DAGGERS?

Chang Shun was charged with being in possession of a dagger, the weapon in question being half a pair of Chinese scissors. Mr. Holmes prosecuted, and said that when the police searched prisoner they found this weapon secreted in his stocking.

Prisoner made a long statement in the witness-box saying that his wife was always having quarrels with him, and had threatened to run away with another man. He was going to threaten his wife with this weapon, but was not going to stab her.

The Jury found prisoner guilty, and His Lordship passed sentence of three years' imprisonment with hard labour. Here prisoner had to be removed from the dock, weeping and wailing, and his cries could be heard in the Court for a considerable time.

## SEQUEL TO POLICE RAID.

Li Kai was charged with having a revolver and four rounds of ammunition in his possession. Mr. Holmes said that this charge was a sequel to a police raid on a tea-shop in Wanchai, where the revolver and ammunition were found on the floor. Sergeant Goring would give evidence to the effect that the weapon was found in a cloth bag from prisoner's trousers.

Prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to seven years' hard labour.

## BRIBERY CHARGE.

Chan Pui Fuk was charged with having attempted to bribe public servants. Mr. Holmes said that on March 11th a police picket comprising a European Sergeant, an Indian Sergeant and a Chinese constable boarded a tram-car going East, and made a search of passengers. Prisoner resisted at first, and then was held while he was searched. The Police discovered that he had a quantity of opium in his possession. That had been dealt with at the Police Court.

The Police got him off the tram-car and into a private motor-car, and it was here that he spoke to the Chinese constable and offered the police \$50 if they would let him go. The Chinese told the European Sergeant what prisoner was offering to them and what he was saying, and the matter was reported at the Police Station.

Sergeant Dunlop, who was in charge of the police picket on the night in question, gave evidence to this effect, and was corroborated by the Indian Sergeant and Chinese constable.

The Jury found prisoner guilty, and His Lordship passed sentence of 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour. (Continued on next column).

## DISHONEST HOUSE COOLIE.

MRS. BOWES SMITH ROBBED.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Tsoi Wing, a former house coolie of Mrs. Bowes Smith, of Edmi. Villa, Repulse Bay, was charged on two counts.

The first charge was that of stealing a quantity of property from the house of Mrs. Bowes Smith. Among the articles stolen were included one leather cash box; one coral necklace; one rolled gold locket; a magnifying glass and a cloth bag.

The second charge preferred against defendant was that of being in unlawful possession of a silver cigarette case.

In respect of the first charge it was alleged that the man stole the various articles on various dates between March 1st and March 31st.

Sergeant McTernan stated that following information received, the police visited the residence of the defendant and found stolen property which was part of the goods that Mrs. Bowes Smith had lost from time to time. The owner of the cigarette case in the second charge was not traced. The defendant had stated that he bought it from a hawk, whom he could not point out. The value of the silver cigarette case was \$5.5.0.

His Worship sentenced defendant to three months' imprisonment with hard labour on the first charge, and dismissed the second charge against him.

## WANTED A FREE RIDE.

NAIVE REPLY OF PASSENGER ON A TRAM.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, a Chinese was charged with not paying his fare on a tram-car. The evidence showed that defendant boarded the tram and when asked to produce his ticket or pay his fare he said to the conductor "Do you really want me to pay my fare? I have only a very short distance to go." Defendant produced a ticket bearing the number 0807, which the conductor threw away and told defendant he was cheating him (the conductor).

A list of figures was produced, showing that the ticket which defendant possessed could not have been one issued for that particular trip, as it was very much antedated.

His Worship fined defendant \$5.

[BEFORE THE PRISON JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE WOOD).]

## "CAT" FOR ARMED ROBBER.

Mak Sum was charged with being concerned in an armed robbery at Wongnei-chong village.

Mr. Whyte Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) said that this was quite an old story. About Friday on April 15th, 1923, four men entered a house at Wongnei-chong village, where a man named Wong Ki Chong and his wife lived. One of the four men was prisoner, who carried a revolver in his hand. One man seized the wife by the neck, and also stabbed her husband. Both man and wife were then gagged, and the men opened a case from which they took two pendants, two gold coins and \$300 in notes. Twelve days after this had occurred Wong Ki Chong died, but there was evidently some suggestion to show that the medicines he had used to put him right only aggravated the injuries.

On April 2nd this year at an identification parade the wife of Wong picked out prisoner from a row of 13 men, and said that he was the robber who carried the revolver. When prisoner was charged he said that he went with three other men to rob another man, and that they were told to do this by two other men whose names were unknown.

Evidence was given by the woman and Chinese police, and the Jury found prisoner guilty. His Lordship passed sentence of ten years' imprisonment with hard labour, in addition to twelve strokes with the "cat."

## CHILD SOLD FOR \$20.

When Tam Wing was charged with child stealing, the case, as outlined by Mr. Whyte Smith, was that a 13-year-old boy, who lived with his mother in the country was apprenticed by her to a relative who was a tailor in Hongkong. Prisoner was the adopted son of this tailor, and at different times had taken the boy out for tea.

When the boy disappeared on February 27th prisoner was suspected. When he was arrested prisoner said the boy's mother need not fear, as he could recover her son. He and another man, he said, had taken the boy to Macao where they sold him to a child-dealer for \$20.

The Jury found prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour.

## POLO MATCH TO-DAY.

NAVY TEAM MEETING CIVILIANS IN KOYLI CUP.

It was decided at the General Meeting of the Hongkong Polo Club, on Saturday, to play the triangular contest for the Koyli Cup on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. The match to-day (Tuesday) will commence at 3.25 p.m. and will be finished soon after 6 o'clock. The teams competing to-day will line up as follows:—

NAVY TEAM.	CIVILIAN TEAM.
1. Lieut. Comdr. Thompson..... 2	Mr. Beith..... 3
2. Lieut. Comdr. Spragge..... 3	Major Rotherham 4
3. Capt. Sturges, R.M..... 1	Mr. Pollock..... 3
4. Bk. Capt. Neville, R.M..... 4	Mr. Bartholomew 4

Aggregate Hep. 10 Aggregate Hep. 14

It will be seen that the Civilian Team is four goals better on handicap than the Naval Team. The ponies of the opposing sides average out about equal, although the Civilian possess the two fastest ponies on the ground. As the match will be of four chukkas only, four-fifths of the handicap must be taken in order to forecast the result. The Civilian Team should therefore win by three goals to nil and the actual score will probably be four or five goals to two against the Navy.

The winners of to-day's match are drawn to meet an Army Team on Thursday. Unless General Luard plays—which is unlikely—the Army cannot possibly put out a team aggregating more than four goals on handicap. The team that wins to-day must, therefore, almost certainly be victorious on Thursday. The Army Team would probably line up as follows:—

Hep.
1. Capt. Oxspring..... 0
2. Capt. Bennett..... 1
3. Lieut. Davies..... 2
4. Bk. Lieut. Sugden..... 1

Aggregate Hep. 4

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

WEIGHTS FOR HANDICAPS ON MAY 2ND.

Below will be found the weights allotted in the four handicaps, to be decided at the 4th extra meeting, to be held at Happy Valley on May 2nd under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club:—

COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP, "B." (6 Furlongs).	A.B., 150
Gaudie, 161 lbs., 150	King Ptolemy, 149
Jambur, 160	Hulsham, 148
The Critic, 159	Toomai, 147
Strathallan, 158	Two Pairs, 146
Mowgli, 157	Joe, 145
Solly, 156	New York, 143
Uncle Sam, 155	Langsat, 140
Tadworth, 151	
COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP, "A." (6 Furlongs).	Gymp, 148
Chicago, 163 lbs., 158	King Emperor, 147
Clover Club, 159	Grey Streak, 147
Gypsy Love, 158	The Wasp, 146
Seattle, 157	Rayfield, 144
Dictator Dahlia, 156	Baby Eyes, 143
Magnificent Dahlia, 155	Beauty Dahlia, 143
Phenomenal Dahlia, 154	Uncle Charlie, 143
Auchenroch, 150	Valiant, 141.

EMPIRE HANDICAP, "R." (1½ Miles).	EMPIRE HANDICAP, "A." (1½ Miles).
Baby Eyes, 163 lbs., 158	Curiosity Shop, 160 lbs., 155
Beauty Dahlia, 163	Clover Club, 158
Duke of Frisco, 162	Grey Knight, 158
Waliant, 161	Gypsy Love, 158
Gaudie, 161	Seattle, 157
Jambur, 160	Dictator Dahlia, 156
Poppy Leaf, 160	Golden Chrysanthe-mum, 155
	Magnificent Dahlia, 154
	Phenomenal Dahlia, 154
	Saracen, 149
	Grey Streak, 148
	Wimmera, 146
	Uncle Alf, 145
	King Alfred, 144
	Uncle Charlie, 143

## A SPORTING MATCH.

There was quite a large turn-out of naval men at the race-course, last evening, to witness the much discussed match over 6 furlongs between Mrs. Bower's Dark Mouse, carrying 10st. 8lbs., and Commander J. G. Bower's Egbert, with 10st. in the saddle.

Mrs. Bower rode her own pony, while Lieut. Commander Thompson had the mount on Egbert.

To an even despatch Dark Mouse took the lead and soon opened up a wide gap in the first 3 furlongs. Round the bend, in the 1½ mile post, Egbert gained a little ground, but from the furlong post it was evident that Dark Mouse had the race well in hand, and he came away to win somewhat easily by six lengths.

Time: 36: 1.12.2.5; 1.48.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, B.N., seven boatmasters and boatmistresses were charged with failing to exhibit the regulation lights on their boats. They pleaded that their lights were affixed to the height of a man above the deck. His Worship commented that this was not the proper position for them and imposed a fine on each of \$15.

## CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

## MEAL TAX TO PROMOTE EDUCATION.

The Restaurants Guild of Canton has expressed to the local authorities its desire to contribute a reasonable sum towards the promotion of public education, provided that the meal tax on persons dining in public eating houses be abolished. The tax, when first levied two years ago, was appropriated towards education, but its proceeds have frequently been commandeered by militarists, leaving but little, if any, for the purpose for which it was intended. It is suggested that by the taxpayers handing the funds to the educational institutions direct, the militarists will be prevented from enriching themselves at the expense of the public schools. The Provincial Government is stated to be owing the city schools nearly \$600,000, and the teachers have been six to eight months without their pay.

## AN ACTRESSES' UNION.

The latest woman's organization to apply for registration in Canton is the Actresses Union. Miss Li Pui Yu is temporary head of the union.

## "CHUNGSHAN" NOT HEUNGSEAN.

The Civil Governor is stated to have approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Kuomintang that the name of Heungshan, Dr. Sun's native district, should be changed to that of "Chungshan," by which name the late Kuomintang leader was known to many Chinese. A proclamation to change the name will be issued shortly.

## STRIKE OF FILATURE REELERS.

INDUSTRY PARALYSED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The gigantic silk filature reeler strike by which some 178 large plants in the silk towns of Koonshan and other Canton silk centres, are paralyzed, involving more than 100,000 persons directly, is still in progress. In order that the present season's crops, shall not be entirely spoiled, the old methods of reeling without the aid of the machinery, employed by the modern filatures will be resorted to. Canton's silk crops, amounting to some 84,000 bales annually, are worth from \$90,000,000 to \$125,000,000 a year. The owners of the filatures have been willing to negotiate with the strikers on the question of wages and time, but they oppose absolutely the demands of the strikers, mostly girls, for the abolition of the system of fines and rewards. They contend that, in order to secure good service and maintain discipline, the workers should be fined for disregarding instructions from the management; on the other hand, those able to excel at their work should be rewarded. Result to the old method of hand reeling means the revival of family work—the farmers raising their mulberry, feeding the worms and raising their own cocoons and, if necessary, reeling their own silk. The reeling girls in Koonshan, Namhoi, on April 12th, formally organized a labour union under the auspices of the Kuomintang. The Civil Governor in Canton, at the request of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, has registered and recognised the "Silk Filatures Women Workers Union of Namhoi District" and is ordering the Magistracy of Namhoi to afford the necessary protection to the union in case of any strike. The Union has a charter membership of 284 reeling girls.

## THE SAILORS' HOME.

INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES.

A Bill is to be introduced in the Legislative Council shortly to create a corporation to be known as "The Trustees of the Sailors' Home in Hongkong," to appoint the first trustees, and to vest in the new corporation the Crown lease of the land on which the present Sailors' Home stands.

The "Objects and Reasons" attached to the Bill state:—  
The present Sailors' Home was provided by the community, the site being given by the Government and the cost of the buildings being defrayed by public subscription. The original Crown lessees, who were practically trustees of the Sailors' Home, have all died, and the Home has for many years been conducted by an informal committee which grew out of the body composed of the original Crown lessees.

The present site has become quite unsuitable for the purposes of a Sailors' Home, and it is proposed to transfer the Home to a site in Kowloon near Signal Hill. There is no person or body at present who has any legal right to deal with the existing site. Accordingly, the Bill proposes to create a corporation consisting of the members of the present informal committee and to vest the present site in the new corporation. The members of the present committee, who will be the members of the new corporation, have agreed informally to surrender the existing site and buildings to the Crown, and the Government have undertaken to grant to the corporation the proposed new site in Kowloon and to provide the sum of \$800,000 for the erection, furnishing and endowment of the new Home.

St. Peter's Church was erected in the year 1871 on a portion of the present site of the Sailors' Home. The cost of the building was defrayed by subscriptions raised in the Colony and elsewhere, and by a grant of \$2,500 by the Government. The total cost appears to have been about \$1,500. The site of the church is required for public purposes, and the authorities of the church would prefer to have it in a quieter neighbourhood than the present one. The Government accordingly propose to grant a new site for the church and to contribute the sum of \$50,000 for the erection of a new church.

The bill follows the usual form of incorporation Ordinances.



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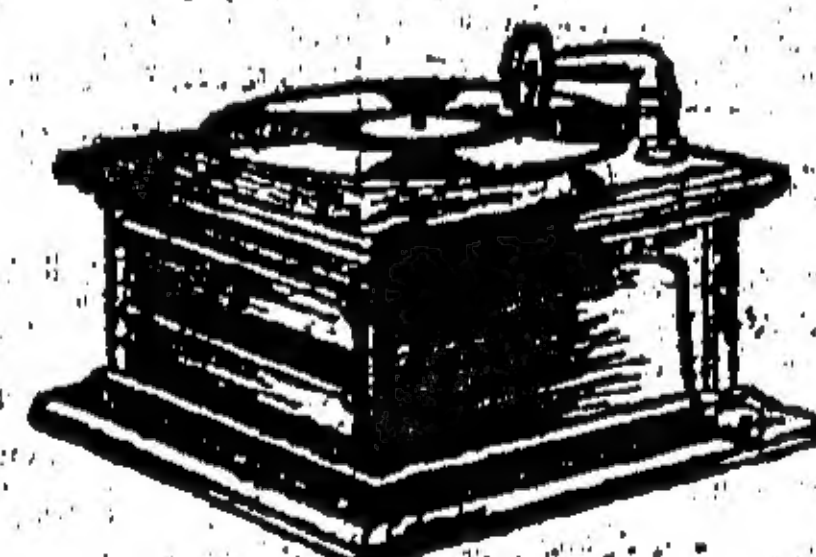
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## SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

LUNCHEON, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, THURSDAY, 23rd APRIL.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Manager, Hongkong Hotel, must be advised of their intention to be present not later than WEDNESDAY, NOON. [2128]

## HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

A DINNER will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd (ST. GEORGE'S DAY). Will any Members or Ex-members of the Regiment not already known to the Organisers of this Dinner kindly communicate with W. F. SIMMONS, Hongkong Tramways, Limited, Hongkong, 20th April, 1925. [2124]

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

MEMBERS are notified that THE CLOSING CELEBRATION AND LADIES' DAY will be held on SATURDAY, the 27th MAY NEXT. Ladies and Guests are cordially invited. A. W. TUCKER, Hon. Secretary. [2127]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship "WEST JESTER" having arrived from the above-mentioned ports, Monday, the 20th April, 1925, Consignees are hereby notified that their Cargo is being loaded at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous hold-rooms of the "HONGKONG" and "KOWLOON" Wharves and Godowns, and that the Consignees must provide an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports Office, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned or Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined at 10 a.m. Saturday, the 25th April, 1925, by Messrs. ANDERSON & ASSA, Marine Surveyors. All Claims must be presented within 10 days of the Steamship's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have been taken to the Godowns, and Cargo undelivered after 27th April, 1925, will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

AMERICAN FAR EAST LINE, STEAMERS & BARRIS, Managing Operators. Hongkong, 20th April, 1925. [2125]

## NOTICE.

WE have THIS DAY Authorized Mr. R. SCHMIDT to Sign for Our Firm in Hongkong Per Procuration. CARLOWITZ & CO., Bank of China Building, Hongkong, 15th April, 1925. [2102]

## NOTICE.

I have started Business from Date as Share and General Broker, under the Style and Firm Name of EDWARDS & CO., at the Bank of Canton Building, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central. Mr. LEWIS A. TOBIAS has Full Power to deal in My Name and also Sign for the Firm Per Procuration. E. E. EDWARDS, Member of the Hongkong Sharebrokers Association. [2107]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Clerk of the Course, Mr. F. SUTTON, having left the Colony all Communications until further notice should be addressed to the STEWARDS, c/o LINTZ & DAVIS. [2103]

## SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

THE Committee of the Society will lay A WREATH on the Cenotaph on ST. GEORGE'S DAY, APRIL 23rd, at 12.45 p.m. It is hoped that as many Members as possible will be present. [2121]

## BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEE.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

## OR VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

SITUATE at SHAMSHUI in the DEPENDENCY of KOWLOON and COLONY of HONGKONG and known as NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOTS Nos. 221 and 223. Together with all Mortgages or Tenements and other Erections and Buildings thereon respectively. IN TWO LOTS. Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, THE CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, China Building, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, THE 25th DAY OF APRIL, 1925, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M. For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to Messrs. GEO. E. HALL BRUTTON & CO., Mortgagee Solicitors, St. George's Building, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, or to Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, The Auctioneer, China Building, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong. [2111]

## INTIMATIONS

## CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHAW, SOO & COMPANY, 8th George's Building, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th DAY OF APRIL, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924, and of Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th, to SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, both days inclusive. By Order of the General Managers, R. FARRAN, Manager and Secretary. [2091]

## CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, No. 8, CONNAUGHT ROAD, on MONDAY, the 27th APRIL, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1924, and Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 16th APRIL, 1925, until MONDAY, the 27th APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. [2092]

## NAVY LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above, will take place in the ORR Hall at 5.15 p.m. on TUESDAY, 25th APRIL.

All Members are strongly urged to Attend. L. M. WHITE, Hon. Secretary. [2122]

## HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

RIFLE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 25th and 26th APRIL, 1925, AT OLD KOWLOON CITY "A" RANGE.

EVENT 1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY. Open to all, to be shot under King's 1st Stage Conditions. Aperture Sights and Slings allowed. SUNDAY, 26th, 10 a.m.

EVENT 2.—UNITED SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to all Members of H.M. Navy, Army, the Hongkong Police and the Hongkong Defence Corps. SUNDAY, 26th, 10 a.m.

EVENT 3.—MUSKETEER COMPETITION. Open to any Team of 8 men and 1 leader (who does not fire), from H.M. Navy, Army, Volunteers, Police Force and Private Rifle Clubs, as many Teams as desired may enter from each Unit. SATURDAY, 25th, 2.30 p.m.

EVENT 4.—Conditions as Event 3. Open to any individual to be shot concurrently with Team shoot. SATURDAY, 25th.

EVENT 5.—RIFLE COMPETITION—Open to any Team of 6 men. SATURDAY, 25th, 9 a.m.

EVENT 6.—ATTACK COMPETITION. Open to any Member of Teams of eight (Unlimited Entries from any Unit) and a leader. SATURDAY, 25th, 11 a.m.

ENTRANCE FEE \$5.00.

EVENT 7.—REVOLVER CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY. Both Days, 10 a.m., 4 p.m.

EVENT 8.—REVOLVER POOL. Both Days.

Competitors for all Events, except Events 7 and 8 must send in their Names together with Entrance Fees, Not Later Than WEDNESDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1925, to the Hon. Secretary. C. H. SUMMERS, Hon. Secretary, c/o Tai Koo Dock, Quarry Bay. [2123]

## WANTED.

WANTED Some Old Second Hand CARPETS for Packing Purposes, No Matter How Old but Must be Clean. Apply to—Mr. PERCY SMITH, 6, Des Voeux Road Central. [2117]

## TO LET.

GODOWNS in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS (Basement). Apply—SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. [2032]

## TO LET.

STORAGE SPACE on Marine Lots with Godowns and Chinese Houses TO LET. W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD., Kowloon Bay. [1799]

## TO LET.

POSSESSION 1st JUNE, "KELLET MANOR" being No. 185, Mount Kellett. Apply on the Premises, or to—Mr. H. PERCY SMITH, 6, Des Voeux Road Central. [2119]

## PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

Letters are lying at this Office for—BORN—XII, XI, X, XY, YI, 38, 40, 33, 97, 160, 1890.

BATHING HUT at BEVERLY BAY WANTED. Please Communicate with R.V.H., Box No. 83, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [21]

## INTIMATIONS

## DEWAR'S

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## BIRTHS.

Hess.—At Pootung, on April 15th, to Herr and Mrs. Hess, a son. SHERBY.—At 119, The Peak, on April 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. SHERBY, a son. [2123]

Veir.—At Shanghai, on April 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Veir, a daughter. [2122]

## DEATHS.

Caldwell.—At Mienchubien, Szechuan, on March 26th, ELIZABETH HENDERSON, wife of the Rev. THOMAS CALDWELL, Secretary, C.M.S. West China Mission. [2123]

Dalton.—At Harbin, on April 14th, of scarlet fever, G. F. DALTON. [2122]

The attention of members of St. George's Society is drawn to a reminder among to-day's advertisements.

The trial of Mr. L. K. Kentwell on a charge of forgery will take place of H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on Thursday next.

Mr. F. R. Vida was operated on at the General Hospital, Shanghai, on April 14th, for appendicitis. He is at present making good progress.

A report was received by the police during the week-end that a Cheung Chan fishing boat picked up four men from a derelict fishing junk near Waglan.

At to-day's meeting of the Sanitary Board, a letter will be read from the Government relating to the suggested investigations on the subject of typhoid.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon Mr. A. W. J. Hoy was called upon to sit on the jury in an arms case. Mr. Hoy was not present, and the Chief Justice imposed a fine of \$30.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 48 hours ended on April 19th, shows 1 Indian case of enteric fever, 1 Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever, and 1 case of rabies in a dog.

Members and Ex-members of the Honourable Artillery Company in Hongkong are to hold their annual dinner on Thursday (St. George's Day). An advertisement will be found in another column.

Detective Inspector T. Murphy, late of the Yau-mat Police Station, has been transferred to the Central Police Station; while Inspector Pincoff, from the Central Station, will take his place at Yau-mat.

shared by the Chinese people, and if the deliberations of the Reorganisation Conference result in the adoption of policies which will place an effective check on the military banditry which has reduced the country to a state of chaos, there can be no doubt that a wonderful era of prosperity and progress would dawn for China. Mr. ARCHIBALD ROSS, who was formerly the British Commercial Attaché in China, has been emphasising in a recent lecture in London the importance and great promise of the constructive work that has been going on in recent years in China in spite of the intolerable interference caused to commerce by provincial warfare. He observed that there has been a remarkable advance in the methods of trade, that a very efficient machinery of collection and distribution is being built up gradually throughout the interior of China, helping the Chinese farmer to sell his produce to best advantage and the Chinese consumer to buy what he needs from distant places at the cheapest possible rates. This has raised the standard of living, he said, in a remarkable way, and it is increasing the real wealth of the country. But, as he also pointed out, the new machinery of trade is still delicate and sensitive to disturbing influences. "During time of unrest, producers lose interest in production, traders are afraid to trust their cargoes on the highways, banks are nervous of financing business, railway and river transport are blocked; irregular and excessive taxation blocks all enterprise, international treaties and obligations fall into abeyance, and there is general insecurity of life and property." We have not to go very far into China from Hongkong to see a very striking illustration of all this. But, as we have said, the people of China recognise all this as clearly as the foreign spectator, and any practical effort to ensure stability and security is certain to have their warm support. Unquestionably the present Government at Peking has made some progress towards this goal during the past few months. The general conditions have manifestly improved; viewing China as a whole, and we can only hope that the improvement will be continued and strengthened by general acceptance of the new policies which have commended themselves to the Reorganisation Conference as necessary for the peace, progress and prosperity of China.

It is hinted in the North, states the N.C. Daily News, that the stay of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment in Tientsin will end before next winter. They are to be relieved by a battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment. These, like the Loyals, are said to be young soldiers.

In connection with the armed robbery which was committed at a house at Da Tau Ling village in the Kowloon City District on the night of April 13th, when money, jewellery, and clothing to the value of \$525 were stolen, two more men have been arrested. On the night of the robbery two of the raiders were caught, one being shot in the back; while the other had a dagger in his possession.

It is reported that Mr. Chan Kim Tong, a merchant of Bonham Strand, who is well-known locally, has been kidnapped by robbers at Canton and held to ransom. It is stated that Mr. Kim Tong was taken prisoner whilst crossing the river off Shamoen. A letter, said to have been received by the unfortunate man's relatives demands a sum of \$30,000 as ransom.

Shanghai is threatened with another rice-shop strike, owing to the decision of Mr. Tseng Pu, the Provincial Commissioner of Finance, to levy a tax of \$1 on each picul of the grain sold. The money, of course, is wanted for "administrative expenses," that is for the maintenance of thousands of good-for-nothing soldiers in Kiangsu province, says the N.C. Daily News, which learns from an authoritative source that unless the Kiangsu provincial authorities cancel their proposal to levy a tax on each picul of rice sold locally, a general strike will be declared by the rice-shop keepers on May 7th next.

The Harbour Works Department at Macao has just issued an illustrated guide to Macao. It is printed in English, included in the letterpress is a brief outline of the Harbour improvement scheme now in progress. One page of the cover is a plan of the proposed improvements and on the back page is a vividly coloured picture of the harbour as it is expected to appear when the works are completed. Under the heading "Development of new Industry and Trade" appears the following paragraph: "Owing to the protection extended by the Government to industry and trade and the confidence of merchants in the administration of the Government, business is now flourishing in Macao and increasing rapidly."

## OBITUARY.

## MARQUIS DE COMILLAS.

Messrs. Botelho Bros., of Alexandra Buildings, who are Agents for the Compania Transatlantica de Barcelona, received a cable yesterday, announcing the death of the Marquis de Comillas, who was President of the shipping company for which they hold the local agency.

In addition to his shipping interests, the late Marquis was well-known as a prominent figure in the world of real estate.

## NEW BARRISTER ADMITTED.

## MR. THOMAS ADDIS.

In the Supreme Court yesterday morning, Mr. Thomas Addis, son of Sir Charles Stewart Addis, Chairman of the London Committee of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and a Director of the Bank of England, who spent many years of his life in the Far East, was admitted to practice as a barrister by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

The application was moved by the Attorney-General (Sir Henry Pollock), instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Mr. Addis, said the Hon. Attorney-General, was called to the Bar in June, 1923. He was at Haileybury School from 1909 to 1912, and saw service in France and Italy during the war. Since demobilisation he had been to Oxford, where he obtained the B.A. degree.

The Chief Justice remarked that he had much pleasure in according to the application of the Hon. Attorney-General, and addressing Mr. Addis, said: "Your name is one well-known in the East, and I hope you will carry on the traditions associated with it."

## MR. R. E. O. BIRD'S DEPARTURE.

## SCHOOLMASTER AND INTERPORT CRICKETER RETIRES.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. O. Bird are leaving the Colony this morning on the S.S. Nipango Maru. They are making a tour to Peking, and other places in Northern China before going to England to settle.

Mr. Bird has spent twenty-three years in the Colony as a schoolmaster, having been latterly Headmaster of Ellis Kadoorie School. He was appointed to that position in January, 1913, but the end of 1913 found him Acting Director of Education and later Acting Inspector of English Schools. For a short time in 1920 he was Acting Headmaster of Queen's College, but since 1921 he has been Headmaster of Ellis Kadoorie School.

Keenly interested in games of various kinds he fostered a healthy love of athletics among the boys who came under his charge, and was especially proud of the fact that about 75 per cent. of the boys at Ellis Kadoorie School can now swim.

Mr. Bird has been one of the Colony's leading cricketers, and has played in many interport matches. He was noted for his deadly left hand swing, and when he finished his interport career, two years ago, he performed the "bat trick" in the last contest in which he took part.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bird enjoy the high respect and esteem of a very wide circle of friends in the Colony, and their best wishes follow them for a long and happy future.

Before her marriage Mrs. Bird was Miss Clarke, who was headmistress of Bellisio Girls' School from 1919 until her retirement on her marriage last year.

## POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

(FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN.")

## REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

## CLOSING SESSION IS FIXED FOR TO-DAY.

Peking, April 19th.

The Reorganisation Conference disposed of the remaining agenda items yesterday, including the regulations for the national delegates' conference, which were approved.

The Conference again meets to-morrow to discuss the financial rehabilitation proposals, and the closing session takes place on Tuesday.

## AN UNEASY WAR-LOAD.

## SEVERE CENSURE ISSUED BY PEKING GOVERNMENT.

Peking, April 19th.

A mandate issued last night, ordering a *chalan* against Yang Sen, censures him for aggressively occupying the arsenal and mint at Chengtu and monopolising the salt revenue of Shikluichin, and, "worst of all," moving his troops to attack his colleagues in order to obtain supreme power throughout the whole province.

Although he recently telegraphed acknowledging his allegiance to the Central Government, this was afterwards proved to be false and insincere by the movement of his troops. To prevent misconduct by Yang Sen, General Liu Hsiang is hereby directed to effect a *chaban* against Yang Sen in the hope that a military operation and its consequent evils will no more trouble the people in Szechuan.

## POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Lui Yung Hok, of 22, Possession Street, failed to appear before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to answer to a charge of having removed a fire escape from the verandah of 57 and 59, Wooning Street, without permission. Defendant sent a friend of his to represent him. His Worship said this was the second time defendant had failed to appear. The case was adjourned until Wednesday.

One of the two men who were recently chased by the police at Kowloon City after committing an armed robbery at Tin Ku Ling appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of stealing a suit of clothes. The defendant was remanded until Friday morning. The other man, who was shot by the police whilst attempting to escape, is still in hospital.



## CABLES.

EARLIER CABLES.  
[REUTERS' AGENCY.]

## OUTRAGE AT SOFIA.

**COMMUNISTS KILLED WHEN DISCOVERED IN HIDING.**  
Sofia, April 19th.  
Several agrarian leaders who support in principle a coalition with the Communists, and also certain members of the illegal executive committee of the Communists, were discovered hidden in houses in Sofia. Some of them resisted and were killed by persons maddened by the loss of relatives in the Cathedral explosion.

## DISCOVERIES BY POLICE.

Paris, April 19th.  
A message from Sofia states that the police have discovered that the authors of the Cathedral outrage are alleged to be Yankoff and Minkoff, president and vice-president, respectively, of the Central Communist Committee.  
All the Communist leaders have been arrested.

Captain Kartanoff, who is alleged to have procured the explosives used in the Cathedral explosion, committed suicide, and his wife is said to have been killed by the Communists in order to prevent her revealing the plot. A Cathedral servant, who has been arrested, is alleged to have been bribed to permit a man to place the internal machine in position.

## TO STUDY SITUATION.

Col. J. C. Wedgewood, M.P., Major P. B. Malone, M.P., and Mr. W. Mackinder, M.P., have arrived at Sofia to study the situation.

The War Minister, General Vukoff, in the course of an interview, declared that an increase in the army is indispensable to maintain order, and that steps will be taken to conscript an additional 10,000 men.

## LATEST CABLES.

## KING'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Sofia, April 20th.  
It has been ascertained that the internal machine, which caused the explosion, was loaded by a former officer, named Mineoff. It was charged with melinite and detonated by a fuse lit by a youth whom the bomb smuggled into the bell-tower.

It is now established that the crime was the work of the Agrarian Communists.

Another telegram shows that King Boris had a very narrow escape: he had intended to be present at the Cathedral ceremony, but at the last moment was prevailed upon not to expose himself. He sent General Davidoff as his representative. The latter was (1) blown to bits when the bomb exploded close to the throne erected for King Boris. Most of those killed were close to the Royal chair, which was demolished by falling masonry.

## A SIGNIFICANT SEQUEL.

Sofia, April 20th.  
As a sequel to the outrages, Bulgaria has asked permission of the Allies to increase her army by 10,000 men. The Conference of Ambassadors will settle the matter.

It is noteworthy that the Conference recently approved the Bulgarian request for an additional 3,000 men.

## FRENCH FINANCIAL CRISIS.

## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT READY FOR PARLIAMENT.

Paris, April 20th.  
A ministerial statement, which will be read to-morrow in Parliament, will stress the emergency for a settlement of the finance and security problems without applying extraneous measures.

The statement will demand a rapid vote on the budget, and securing a balance before the establishment of new taxes. It will ground security on the basis laid down at Geneva by M. Herriot and M. Briand. It will state the necessity for national union and concord and suggest that the maintenance of the French Embassy at the Vatican would be compatible with absolute respect for the so-called laical laws—*Reuter*.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## GERMAN PRESIDENCY.

## VIEWS OF VON HINDENBURG ON COUNTRY'S FUTURE.

Hanover, April 19th.  
Standing for an hour like a graven image, attired in his Field-Marshal's uniform and wearing the Iron Cross, Marshal von Hindenburg this morning reviewed a parade of some 2,000 "goose-stepping" members of the Nationalist organisations.

This was his first public appearance since his nomination for Presidential election.

Interviewed by Reuter's correspondent, Marshal von Hindenburg said that "if he is appointed President he will act constitutionally and protect the laws of the Reich." He said he was specially interested in the question of a security pact guaranteeing the frontiers of France and Belgium. He asserted that Germany's eastern frontier must be altered by negotiations, and he enigmatically replied to a question whether he favoured a Republic or a Monarchy by stating that "his personal wishes were of no avail."

## HIS OUTLOOK PEACEFUL.

Marshal von Hindenburg, replying to a questionnaire submitted by Reuter's correspondent, said that if he is chosen President he will respect the military as well as the other provisions of the Versailles Treaty. His outlook was a peaceful one. He was convinced that it would be foolish for Germany to indulge in warlike adventures, which after the war he had always opposed, because they could only end disastrously.

As a military expert, Marshal von Hindenburg said he did not think Germany was even capable of defending herself against the small neighbouring States, Poland and Czechoslovakia, which each possessed bigger standing armies and were protected by military alliances.

## RECEIVES THE PRESS.

Marshal von Hindenburg, in pursuance of his Presidential candidature, this evening received a number of German and foreign journalists. He read out, in a vigorous, clear voice, a statement, of which the theme was the need of restoration for peaceful labour of that spirit of unity which characterized Germany in the war. This should be "unity" unconcerned with party politics, but the outcome of the wholesome feeling of a Nationalist.

As President of the Reich, he would only think of his duty to strive for the best interests of the Fatherland on the basis of the Constitution and with regard to Germany's present position in the world. He asked them not to expect from him a programme of a party man who entered into detailed political issues. The most important consideration was to restore German prestige in the world.

Nothing, he added, was more capable of jeopardizing the peaceful object of restoration of the Fatherland and collaboration in the progress of the world than blatant falsehoods, about threatening German military reaction having inspired his candidature. He emphasized that he was only striving to "ensure German sovereignty and freedom with a place in the sun of Nations. To attain this, the grave charge of our war guilt must be dropped. You will surely believe that all this prattle about my unconstitutional plans and reactionary and other dangerous machinations are senseless."

The Marshal's address was frequently interrupted by shouts of "bravo" and enthusiastic cheering—especially with reference to war guilt.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## PRINCE OF WALES.

## LEAVES KANO EN ROUTE TO IBADAN.

MINDA, April 19th.  
The Prince of Wales left Kano this morning en route for Lagos. His first destination is Ibadan.

The Prince has clearly benefited from the polo yesterday, which was his first ride since March 28th.

The intense heat has slightly affected some members of the Prince's staff, though in nowise seriously.

[Ibadan is a town in the west province of Southern Nigeria, capital of the Yoruba states. It is 124 miles from Lagos.]

## LATEST CABLES.

## S.S. "CARNARVONSHIRE."

## DIVERS REPORT VESSEL IS NOT DAMAGED.

Port Said, April 20th.  
Divers report that no apparent damage has been done to the hull of the s.s. *Carnarvonshire*. She has finished reloading and is proceeding on her voyage.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## REVOLT IN PORTUGAL.

## REBELS SURRENDER AFTER BEING BOMBARDED.

Lisbon, April 19th.  
The revolutionary forces surrendered this morning.

The Government forces bombarded the barracks, which the rebels were holding. About 100 were wounded.

## ALL IS QUIET.

Deputy Cunha Leal, who is believed to be the head of the revolutionary movement, is a prisoner in the republican guard barracks, where the Cabinet is meeting.

Traffic in the city is absolutely normal and the banks are open.  
All is quiet.

## LATEST CABLES.

## REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.

## COAL-MINERS STRIKE.

## NO SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT IN NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, N.S., April 20th.  
Mr. Wolvin, president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, has issued a statement, which says that negotiations between himself, Mr. Lewis representing the united mine workers of America, and Mr. Armstrong, Premier of Nova Scotia, and other Government officials, have not resulted in a settlement of the strike of 12,000 miners, owing to the unreasonable attitude of the Union. The Union has refused to consider the reduction of wages, despite the fact that the Company's coal operations recently have been conducted at a loss.

The strike has been in progress six weeks.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

## MR. KENT COOPER SUCCEEDS MR. F. R. MARTIN.

New York, April 20th.  
The directors of the Associated Press have appointed Mr. Kent Cooper as general manager in succession to Mr. Frederick Roy Martin, who has resigned.

Mr. Kent Cooper has been Assistant General Manager since 1920.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## WAR CRIMES.

## THE FORMER GERMAN CROWN PRINCE ACQUITTED.

Berlin, April 19th.  
The Supreme Court has concluded the investigation of the alleged war crimes of the ex-Crown Prince, and found that the Crown Prince never ordered the burning and plundering of villages and towns, was not responsible for the executions ordered by the military tribunals of his Army Corps, and therefore quashed further proceedings.

## S.S. "RHESUS."

## TO ENTER ALEXANDRIA FOR NEEDED REPAIRS.

Port Said, April 19th.  
The steamer *Rhesus* (which was in collision, on April 13th, with the motorship *Antonia*) has arrived.

The vessel will discharge her cargo and then proceed to Alexandria, where she will be dry-docked for repairs, after which it is expected she will return here and again load her cargo.

## LONDON STREET ACCIDENTS.

## 238 PEOPLE KILLED IN THREE MONTHS.

Particulars of the street accidents in London during October, November, and December last year, were issued by New Scotland Yard recently. A total of 238 persons were killed, and the number of accidents to persons and property totalled 21,619. The deaths due to accidents, in which various classes of vehicles were concerned, were as follows:

Omni-buses, 43; trams, 10; cabs, 7; private motor-cars, 50; motor-cycles, 12; trade and commercial motor-vehicles, 78; trade and commercial horse-drawn vehicles, 15; pedal bicycles, 15; and br. ghams, 1.  
The corresponding numbers of accidents (including fatal accidents) to persons or property were:

Omni-buses, 2,415; trams, 1,322; cabs, 1,090; private motor-cars, 6,234; motor-cycles, 1,110; trade and commercial motor-vehicles, 5,007; traction engines, 17; horse-drawn omnibuses, 3; horse-drawn cabs, 6; horse-drawn vehicles, 2,157; pedal bicycles, 2,104; and horses ridden or led.

## SCOTTISH LETTER.

## SCOTLAND'S HOUSING SHORTAGE.

## GREATER THAN IN ENGLAND.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 18th.  
The housing shortage was acute in Scotland before the war, and at the present moment it is infinitely worse than in England. The special difficulty in Scotland is that housing accommodation has to be planned on an altogether different standard from that suitable South of the Tweed. That is particularly the case in the West of Scotland, where the enormous industrial expansion of the last century has led to immigration on a large scale, not only from other parts of Scotland, but from Ireland.

The result has been an intensified growth of slums. In Glasgow a population of 77,000 in 1880 has become approximately a million to-day, and the area wherein people lived has not been spread out a great deal since 1880. There is a similar extraordinary congestion of people in the county of Lanarkshire. The shortage of skilled labour is also more acute than in England. We have to change over from stone, the native building material, to brick. There were few firms in the old days able to undertake the construction of brick buildings, and even to-day a brick house in Scotland is something of a novelty. Aberdeen has a special problem, because hitherto its houses had been built of granite. Generations had accustomed Aberdonians to granite, and brick buildings were not only disliked, but were unknown to contractors. As a consequence it is impossible at the present day to get a house built in Aberdeen at a paying rent. Put shortly, the situation all over Scotland is simply that in regard to ordinary house-building labour and materials demand is far ahead of supply. The real and only solution lies in our availing ourselves as speedily as possible of alternative methods of construction. A curious state of affairs prevails in Glasgow, where the needs for houses is more clamant than in any other part of the country. We are told that nine out of every ten builders in that city are employed upon the construction of banks, insurance offices, and places of entertainment. So bad is the state of affairs that it was suggested at a housing conference in Glasgow to stop this luxury building compulsorily, so that more houses to live in might be erected. It is disappointing to learn that Scottish housing experts have come to the conclusion that the steel house is relatively dearer than the brick house. It is calculated that the rent required for a steel house of three apartments would be 13s. 3d. per week compared with a rent of 9s. 3d. for a brick house of corresponding accommodation. Even although the steel houses should prove unpractical on the ground of expense, the great firms of the Beardmore and the Wiles, both of Glasgow, are deservingly of all praise for the way in which they tackled the question. It may be mentioned that Lord Weir something like £75,000—a fine example of public spirit.

IRELAND IN SCOTLAND.  
It has ever been the rule that Scotland should export many of her best citizens. The stream of emigration is as great as ever, but the process has a new and disturbing aspect. In the past the place of the emigrants was filled by young Scots. That is not how the case. The country is flooded with people from Ireland, the tremendous Irish community in the West and the Midlands of Scotland multiplies and remains. The Census gives only the Irish-born, and offers no clue to the numbers of the second generation, but an authority recently estimated a total of 35,000 Irish in Scotland. This means a gradual but steady displacement of the Scottish by the Irish strain, and there is no subject causing greater reflection and anxiety beneath the outward surface of politics to-day. The figures of emigration have acquired a new meaning in the national balance-sheet. They must be related to the present statistics of population and to the remarkable colonising movement with which Ireland as it were, retaliates for Ulster. The force of industrial attraction has brought a large and growing Irish community to live among the descendants of the Western covenants. It confronts Scotland with tasks of adjustment and assimilation which would have a more familiar look in a "new country." It challenges speculation, some of it unduly alarmist, as to its ultimate bearings upon race and religion, citizenship and industry in Scotland of the future.

What does the Scot think of this problem of the Irish immigration? A recent investigator gives the following summary of the opinions held all over the north, south, east and west of Scotland. "The Irish do not assimilate with us or acquire the Scottish qualities and tradition. They are not, in the main, a reinforcement to anything but the ranks of unskilled labour. By their natural turn for the arts of political connection they get themselves into the sheltered employments, such as the gas and sanitary departments of the Corporation of Glasgow, where a new-comer will often get a job from an Irish foreman in preference to a Scotsman long out of work. They penetrate by some method into the control of trade unions, where their weight is all lent to extreme views and destructive courses. They are responsible for the turmoil of the Clyde. They do not seek education, and do not rise in business; the professions, or public life, as Scotsmen of every humble class are found doing. Their higher mark is that of the publican, pawn-broker, or politician. They remain a true proletariat at the bottom of the social system. They add far more than their share to the burdens of poor relief and of crime." A good deal of the above is undoubtedly exaggeration; but it must be admitted that it is a fair reflection

(Continued on next column.)

## THE IMMENSITY OF SPACE.

## DISTANCE OF THE ANDROMEDA NEBULA.

One of the finest of the spiral nebulae in the heavens is that known as the Great Nebula in Andromeda, which on moonless nights is plainly visible to the naked eye and quite a fine object in a good pair of binoculars. Many attempts have been made to determine its distance, and a recent measurement by an American astronomer is reported in a recent issue of *Popular Astronomy*.

According to this, the nebula is probably at least 950,000 light years from the earth—that is, the light from it takes that enormous period to traverse the gulf separating us, and light moves at 300,000 kilometres a second. A light year—the distance light moves in one year—is 9,500,000,000 miles, so that the distance of the Andromeda Nebula is 5,585,000,000,000,000 miles (approximately five and a half trillion).

Some idea of the vastness of this distance can be obtained when we remember that light passes from the moon to the earth in little over one second, and from the sun to the earth in eight and a half minutes.

Some years ago a new star appeared in the Andromeda Nebula, which, when brightest, was about the seventh magnitude, too faint to be seen with the naked eye. It remained at the seventh magnitude only a few days, and then slowly faded away, being of the sixteenth magnitude, barely visible in the biggest telescopes, six months later. This star was very near the brightest part of the nebula, and was probably immersed in it.

At that distance no telescope would show a body as bright as our sun, for the star that burst out in the nebula must have been, when of the seventh magnitude, more than 100,000 times brighter than the sun, which itself is 152,000,000,000 times brighter than a first-magnitude star. But not even the Andromeda Nebula marks, it is believed, the boundary of the universe; if there is a boundary, for by similar refined methods a distance of 1,000,000 light years has been calculated for another nebula, which would place it 30,000 billion miles more distant than that in Andromeda.

## THE RED ARMY.

## "BOLSHEVIZATION" OF HIGHER RANKS.

Bubnoff, Chief of the Red Army Political Department, has given, in a lecture, some interesting details in regard to the personnel of the Red Army. The personnel of the Army is composed of 32 per cent. of peasants, 11 per cent. of workmen, and 7 per cent. of other elements. The Army has in its ranks only 45,000 Communists, or 3 per cent. of its strength. Three-quarters of these are officers. Of the commanders of Districts, Companies, Divisions, Regiments, and Companies 63, 85, 45, 41, and 42 per cent. respectively are Communists.

Bubnoff said that because the peasant element preponderates "the Army is a sensitive instrument" which reflects the opinion of the villages, and therefore it is now specially important to maintain proper discipline. This is the Communist Party's task. Apparently the anxiety in regard to strict discipline, the penetration of Communist *work*, which the lecture reflects, and the "Bolshevization" of the higher ranks are produced by the fear that the prevailing discontent in the villages may infect the Army.

of the opinions of many Scots. One thing is certain, the Clydeside Socialist Brigade would be a negligible quantity if it were not for the heavy Irish vote.

## SCOTTISH PERSONS.

Lord Alness, who recently visited Peterhead, gives it as his view that prison life is much more tolerable now than it used to be in the "good old days." The convicts, he tells us, enjoy the privilege of communal feeding; they have a military discipline which they appreciate; they have daily and direct access to the governor; if they have any complaint to make, they are placed upon their honour and trusted—some of them as orderlies—and they rarely abuse the privileges conferred upon them. And as at Peterhead, so at Saughton Prison. There the inmates have all the comforts of electric light and central heating, a good library, and from the windows an excellent view of the Corstorphine hill. They have, his Lordship says, almost everything except liberty. And they get even that in time.

## A HIGHLAND CLUB IN LONDON.

The executive committee of the London Highland Club are about to issue an appeal among Scots at home and abroad for subscription to a permanent premises fund. The club is the courageous venture of a little group of exiled Scots, without money and without influence. It is non-political and non-sectarian. Membership is open to all Scots. The Club so far has met once a week in the hall of the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, granted on most generous terms by the managers. It has now outgrown the present accommodation. During these first fifteen months of its existence the Club has had an extraordinarily vigorous growth, so much so that its possibilities are being considerably restricted through lack of adequate accommodation. The membership is now 600, and is increasing weekly. It is believed that with an initial minimum capital of £5,000 it would be possible to open a suitably equipped Club.

## A SCOT'S DISCOVERY.

Mr. David Colquhoun Thomson, who was Liberal candidate for South Edinburgh at last General Election, has just returned from the United States. "One thing that impressed me everywhere," he tells an interviewer, "was the advantage of being a Scotman. I soon learned the wisdom of letting it be known that I was Scottish and not English." Having heard Mr. Thomson speak, I cannot understand how anybody could have any doubt about it.

## FEAR OF FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

## INCREASING SCARCITY OF GRAIN.

The information in the Soviet Press with regard to the winter crops is not very reassuring, says a writer in the *Times*. After the abnormally warm weather of the beginning of February, a cold wave set in, and the severe frost was expected to damage the fields unprotected by snow. In the north-western provinces a partial re-sowing of the area under winter crops is inevitable, the amount of seed necessary for the purpose being estimated at from 17,000 to 25,000 tons.

In the province of Vladimir, says the *Ekonomicheskaya Zhizn*, there is an acute corn crisis. The peasants, fearing a coming famine, are buying grain, thereby creating an increased demand on the part of the urban population of this industrial area. In the district town of Kovrov the flour is being rationed.

In the Ukraine, according to the official organ the *Communist*, "the grain prices are the highest in the land. . . . The problem of corn is acquiring particular significance; and the situation calls for an accelerated import of foreign flour. The amount of extra seed for re-sowing the area under previous winter crops is roughly estimated at 20,000 tons, but this cannot be collected in the Ukraine and will have to be partly brought from other provinces."

In the agricultural province of Tambov, in central Russia, all the grain stocks are exhausted, and in the town itself bread queues appeared a month ago.

The price of grain, which rose by 20 to 30 per cent. during January continued to increase throughout the whole of Soviet Russia. At a joint meeting of the Plenum of the Council of the Goods Exchange it was stated by Professor Orloff, says the *Ekonomicheskaya Zhizn*, that the grain collecting campaign of this year was proceeding far less favourably than that of a year ago—the amount collected being only two-thirds of that of last year—and there was every indication that matters would become worse. Some members of the council blamed the collecting organizations for inefficiency in working the corn from the peasants, who withheld it, while others shared the view of Professor Orloff, that there was a great deficit of corn throughout the country.

## FOREIGNERS IN FRANCE.

## DRASTIC REGULATIONS.

The new regulations concerning the residence of foreigners in France were published last month. They are of a very drastic character. It is a very lengthy circular that has emanated from the Ministry of the Interior, and its digestion, says a Paris correspondent, is no easy business. The points in it can thus be succinctly set forth. Every foreigner over 15 years of age who desires to reside in France more than fifteen days must apply for an identity card, and when application is made an identification paper or passport must be produced. Steps must be taken to procure this identity card within forty-eight hours of the foreigner's arrival. He will be expected to call upon the Police Commissary or Mayor in order to carry out certain formalities, taking with him four small photographs, full face and without a hat. When he has given the Police Commissary or Mayor all the information desired he will be given a receipt for his application for an identity card.

There are special regulations concerning "workers" of foreign nationality who come to France to take paid employment. The term workers does not include domestic servants, drivers of private motor-cars, or governesses. When the foreign worker presents himself at the frontier station he must produce a contract of employment. If he has not this contract he will be sent to the nearest immigration bureau or office of employment, and if this organisation finds employment for him he will be given the necessary contract and admitted to French territory. If, on the other hand, no employment is found for him he will be refused admittance. Workers must be provided with five photographs, full face and without a hat, and one of these will be taken from him at the frontier.

## "CRIMINALS" SPARED.

## IRONY OF THE FIRE AT MME. TUSSAUD'S.

What the crowds in the Marylebone Road saw on the day after the recent fire at Madame Tussaud's, was a fabric bearing few evidences of ruin, so wonderfully well had the girders, the stone and brickwork, and the concrete withstood the furnace that raged within. True, the dome had been stripped of its covering, but its skeleton of steel remained intact, and even the Tussaud "house" was still flying. Was it, after all, one asked, a case of *Tout peut se rétablir*? A visit inside soon furnished convincing evidence of the extent of the destruction. A new Tussaud's may arise, but the Tussaud's familiar to and beloved of the countless thousands of London's provincial and cosmopolitan visitors has met its Sedan.

Briefly, the position was this: The hall of the second floor, including that which housed the very valuable Napoleonic relics, among them the celebrated military "carriage" in which Bonaparte travelled on the Russian campaign—contained nothing but a mass of charred rubbish. The ground floor was very extensively damaged. But the irony of it—the Chamber of Horrors in the basement, though flooded, was little the worse for the occurrence. In other words, all the invaluable representations of illustrious personages, tableaux, and paintings which are treasured, are no more but the flames which reduced coppern and kings to dust, spared Crippen, Landru, and their company!



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## PARIS FASHION NOTES.

## SPRING COSTUMES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, ISABEL KANSBAY.)

PARIS, March 18th.  
The modern age of movement, of speed, of automobiles, and of aeroplanes has led us to the feeling of "travelling light." We set off for a vacation with a dressing case and two travelling bags where our grandmothers would have taken seven trunks and our mothers at least three. The lightness of our clothes, the fact that our evening dresses will pass through a wedding ring like the famous textile of the Arabian Nights, the suppleness of our morning and afternoon clothes and the absence of superfluous material in all our dresses makes this possible. The fact of travelling by automobile makes it obligatory. Thus the costumes of to-day serve our customs, and our customs give a reason for our costumes.

## WARDROBES FOR NICE.

When one considers the wardrobe that a pretty woman takes to Nice, the playground of the world, one is astonished. Here in Paris, winter reigns. There is mud, rain, and, perhaps, snow. There is mud, and plenty of it, and there are, fortunately, steam heated houses. But in Nice there is Springtime. Palms balance their exquisite leaves against a cloudless sky. The Mediterranean lies calm under the smiles of an unsmiling sun. Waves flash over the beach, the harder women venture into the water in brilliant bathing suits and even more brilliant bathing wraps clothe them when they emerge. There is brilliant sunlight gliding the short grass on the tennis courts. The wind is fresh, but the sun is warm, and a parasol is by no means an affectation.

## SURE TO BE KASHA.

The philosophy of this is that Summer is never dead in the Midi of France and one dresses for it and is glad. What is the wardrobe for the Midi of France? Naturally it must be a cheerful wardrobe, fit to be worn in the playground of the world. It has the lightness and the gaiety of Spring costumes fitting for all lands where Spring brings forth buds and sunshine, after the gloom of clouded skies. First of all there is the morning costume for wear either by the sportive woman or by the woman who is content to walk and sit in the sun watching her more energetic sisters at play. This costume is practically sure to be of kasha. It may be as bright in colour as your complexion admits, or as neutral as the bright landscape will sanction. Beige, pale chestnut, rosewood, sulphur yellow, citron yellow, strawberry, raspberry, old rose, old blue, myrtle green, sea green, pea green, orange, saffron, pearl grey, dove grey, smoke grey, all these are charming springtime colours, and fit to face the glow of the sun of the new season. The colour makers have been good to us this year, and they only forbid us, for the bright new season, those dull, dark colours which speak of gloom, of dark skies, and of being shut in.

## LIVE THE PLEAT.

As to the form of the new Spring clothes they are as free and gay as the colours. The fashion of the tight skirt is simply pushed out. Our silhouettes are still narrow, but our steps are not to be shortened. The reason is simple. The pleat, one comes to consider it is a wonderful thing. It confers straight, and it conceals a remarkable amount of material. It makes a narrow silhouette, but it makes room for an athletic stride. Live the pleat! That is really the cry of the great couturiers this Spring.

Worth arranges pleats to give the long slender effect, and really supplies width to his frocks in so doing. His rose briar kasha frock for the Riviera was one of the triumphs of slender line and comfortable width. A square backed frock with a panel of fine pleating falling from each corner of the square neck was the leit motif of the model. Naturally this formed four plain panels in the frock, one at the front, one at the back and one on either side. Naturally these panels of vertical lines made the utmost effect of slenderness, and to accentuate this even more by contrast Worth gave the frock three belts, all narrow, each separated from the other by about two and a half inches of space. It was a little marvel.

## PENSANT FOR FRONTAL FULLNESS.

Patou dispenses his pleats differently, having a penchant for fullness in the front. One of his kasha frocks shows nothing but the inverted box pleat in the centre front, but that one pleat is enough to allow for all the freedom of movement that one can ask. The blouse falls straight to the hips, and there it acquires in the centre front an inverted box pleat, which falls straight to just above the knees, where the blouse stops. The skirt repeats the same motif, and falls to above fifteen inches above the floor. The frock further stresses the slenderness of its lines by a series of incrustations in red and brown striped kasha running straight down the front from the point of the slit in the high coloured blouse. Even the belt contributes to the slender effect, for it is woven in and out of the yellow frock and its stripes run vertically, further dividing the effect of the whole. A pair of loosely fitted sleeves, and a small hat of felt which matches the frock in tone completes the effect. What could be more simple, and yet what could be more effective.

## A STRAIGHT LITTLE CARAQUIN.

Nothing, I think, unless it be a frock of Chanel, with a straight little *caraquin* stopping at the hips, a skirt which is perfectly flat till it reaches the left side when it breaks into a panel of deep side pleats. The colour is perfectly plain, perfectly unbroken by any trimming. The shadow of the pleats and the perfect, slender line of the silhouette marks the narrow lines of the gown. Another

of Chanel's frocks is delightfully characteristic. In it panels of narrow pleating. The frock is of kasha and is pleated in panels a few inches wide. Plain panels intervene, and the little yoke, so characteristic of this most gifted of designers, is traversed by the one at the extreme left. To accompany this frock there is a little jacket of brown and beige, bound with natural kasha. The frock, and finished with a heart also in natural kasha. Lanvin makes her vertical effect with circular cutting as well as with pleats, which she has been using a great deal. A little *caraquin* in white kasha, with a curious turn-over collar, bound about with a spring tie, and a black broadcloth skirt cut circularly in front so that it falls in vertical folds in front but lies flat in the back, is one of her choice offerings.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS.

Turning to the afternoon frocks which speak of spring, we find a multitude of straight crêpes, crêpe de Chine, crêpe georgette, mousseline de soie, both plain and crêped, silk voile, and chiffon, all printed in amazing designs of flowers, fruit. These designs are most often arranged in stripes or in checks, the flowers forming the pattern, and panels of pleating break the design in a charming and inconsequential manner. Other patterns of silk concentrate their design along the centre front and the centre back of the gown. These stripes of multi-coloured patterns, flowers, for the most part, are framed by panels of pleating. Sometimes the designs are arranged in huge triangles, points very neatly leaving a full, softly falling hem on a gown in which clings closely to the figure from shoulder to knees, but more often the straight panels of pleating run to the very hem of the gown, making it cling and sweep closely about the figure.

## SACK-SHAPED EVENING GOWNS.

The evening gowns, however, return to the slenderness of the figure itself. They are often sack shaped, without a single pleat. But a slight arrangement under the arms, a morsel of incrustation at the waist make them design the figure most ex-

quisitely. If the gowns be designed for dancing their sides, and their side fronts are slit. A petal effect is often achieved by rounding the neckline upward to meet these slits. Here, again, the prints are banished. The plain colours rule, giving the woman's own face the chance of being the most interesting design in the ensemble.

## SIMPLE EVENING COATS.

The simplicity of the evening coat contributes to the same effect. Narrow, slender, easy to drop on the back of a chair, and equally easy to draw up over the shoulders the evening cape is almost as classic as the old Greek mantle. Its lining of rose silk, or silver cloth, its texture of pure white ermine, or fluffy grey chinchilla and its simple roll collar all contribute to its effect. The evening jewels, the long pearl necklace, the diamond bracelet clasping the wrist closely, the diamond studded splendour of the brooch or the delicacy of the orchids pinned to the delicate evening costume of white, pale cyclamen or delicate mauve which answer for the gayest hours of the bright new season, when the brightness of the sun has gone and the brightness of the moon, if she be kind, is the only natural light, though of course, there is the electricity which illumines ball-rooms and the opera, and the gay casino with its caressing orange-coloured lights.

The *Times* points out that Sir William Birdwood's promotion to a Field Marshalship coinciding with his appointment as Commander-in-Chief in India is unique in the history of the Army. No general has previously been selected for a Field Marshalship and the India Command simultaneously, and the office has never been filled by a soldier of the highest rank. The promotion of Sir Donald Stewart, Sir George White, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener came after they had vacated the Command. Sir William Birdwood's promotion emphasises the importance of the Indian Commander-in-Chiefship and is also a tribute to his great services to the State.

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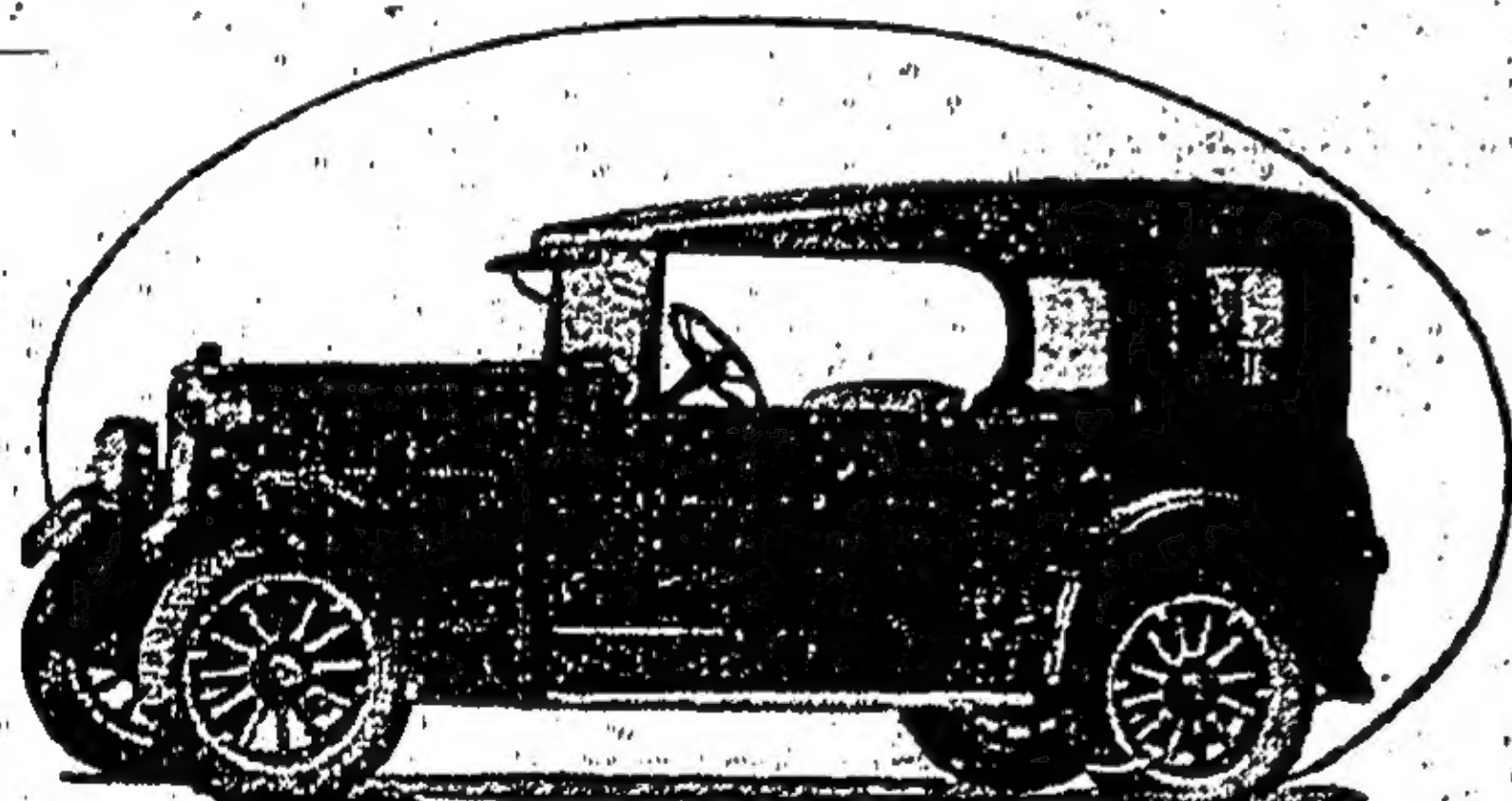
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BUILDING PROGRAMME.

The completion of the P. and O. ship-building programme proceeds steadily. On March 24th, while the new liner *Cathay*, of 15,200 tons gross, was in Tilbury Dock, preparatory to her departure on her maiden voyage to Australia, the new *Kunpura*, of 16,100 tons, arrived in the dock after the voyage from the builders' yard. The *Cathay* is to be followed shortly by the sister ships *Gomoria* and *Chaitra*, and with these three new vessels it will be practicable to maintain the pre-war fortnightly sailings in the Australian service, but with nine ships, none of which was in existence before the war.

The other vessels are the *Mooltan* and *Malaya*, of 20,000 tons each, and the *Yaduvendra*, *Moldavia* and *Mongolia*, of about 18,000 tons each. Altogether new ships representing 230,000 tons have been planned for the company since the war. On the occasion of an inspection of two of the new ships on March 24th, Lord Inchiquin was not able to be present, but in a statement he sent explanatory of shipping policy some important points were made. On the subject of passage rates, it was asserted that while fares were "in the neighbourhood of only 50 per cent. above those ruling in 1914," production and operating costs "ran in some cases well over 200 per cent. above pre-war level."

Like the Orient Company, which has lately commissioned two great liners for the Australian service and has a third building, the P. and O. is now backing its belief in the future of Australian commerce in a large and practical way.

AIR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS.  
MUCH LARGER MACHINES TO  
BE USED.

Interesting developments of the Royal Air Force are foreshadowed in a book, "The Royal Air Force as a Career," which has just been issued by the Air Ministry. It is a statement of the future of the point to the coming of machines much larger than those now in use. These will be driven by two or more high-powered engines, and will be capable of performing very long flights. In them it will be possible to transport troops, equipment or bombs over long distances at speeds greater than one hundred miles per hour. Large flying boats are also being evolved for duty with the Navy. These will be capable of remaining at sea for several days at a time, and other machines designed for use in co-operation with the Navy include gun-spotting craft for the wireless direction of fleet gun-fire, torpedo carriers, and new fighting scouts—all of them able to fly off and alight on a ship's deck.

The book deals with the conditions under which young men can become officers of the R.A.F., and the amenities of the R.A.F. Cadet College at Cranwell, where recruits undergo a two years' training course and emerge, if successful, as pilot officers. Opportunities of service in the Middle East, Iraq, India, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, and the Mediterranean are discussed, and also a scheme of "short-service" commissions, under which recruits serve for a short time on the active list, and then are transferred to the reserve.

The training given, it is claimed, fits men for the pursuit of peace-time commercial aviation and engineering. Opportunity for young men who wish to follow their normal occupations and carry out a certain amount of flying training is afforded by the Special Reserve and Auxiliary Squadrons of the Home Defence Force, the organisation of the auxiliary squadrons being similar to that of the Territorial Army.

## EMPIRE WIRELESS.

## PROGRESS OF CHAIN SCHEME.

In a written reply to Sir H. Brittain (U. Action), who asked what was the present position with regard to the Empire Wireless Chain, Sir W. Mitchell-Thomson (Postmaster-General) says: "The high-power station which is in course of erection at Rugby is expected to be completed about eight months' time. A smaller station for communication on the 'beam' system, with a similar station in Canada, is expected to be completed in September or October next. Orders will be given for the erection of additional beam stations for communication with India, South Africa, and Australia as soon as definite arrangements have been made by the Indian and Dominion Governments for the erection of corresponding stations in those countries, and search is now being made for a suitable site for the purpose."

## SHIPPING NOTES.

The following report, dated April 17th, has been received at the Harbour Office from the master of the s.s. *Zaluzna*: "April 14th at 7-23 a.m., passed a derelict Japanese lighter (close to). No one on board. Water-logged and dangerous to navigation. Latitude 15° 40' East Longitude 110° 1' East."

A report dated April 16th, has been received at the Harbour Office from the Master of the s.s. *Henri* to the effect that a patch of discoloured water was observed in Latitude 17° 10' North Longitude 111° 46.5' East.

A wireless telephone service between ships and the shore, which may be linked up with the General Post Office land telephone lines, is now undergoing experiment at Southampton and has reached such a stage that a perfect commercial service could be undertaken, and suitable wave-lengths could be allotted free from interference between the service and existing broadcasting and other commercial wireless stations. The experiments are being conducted by the Marconi Company, in conjunction with the General Post Office and the Southern Railway Company, whose cross-channel steamer *Princess Kna* is being used for the purpose.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER  
"SARDINIA."

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 17th APRIL, 1925.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO &amp; STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their disposal in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf ex B.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Gossard & Douglas at 10 a.m., on Mondays and Thursdays, within the free storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th April, 1925, or they will not be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1925. [2120]

## LLOYD TRIESTINO S.N. CO.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before 15th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 30th inst. or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Gossard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1925. [2110]

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"WAISHANG"	Sunday	26th Apr.	7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"LEPSANG"	Sunday	26th Apr.	10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIESHANG"	Sunday	26th Apr.	Noon
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"HOPSANG"	Tuesday	28th Apr.	10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Wednesday	29th Apr.	3 p.m.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday	1st May	3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Saturday	2nd May	3 p.m.
Kobe via AMOY & MOJI	"LAISANG"	Monday	4th May	3 p.m.
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"GLENARA"	3rd June	London
"GLENBEG"	11th June	London

## HOMEWARDS

Vessel	Days	From Hongkong
"GLENGARRY"	30th Apr.	London
"GLENGARRY"	14th May	London
"GLENGARRY"	3rd June	London
"GLENGARRY"	11th June	London

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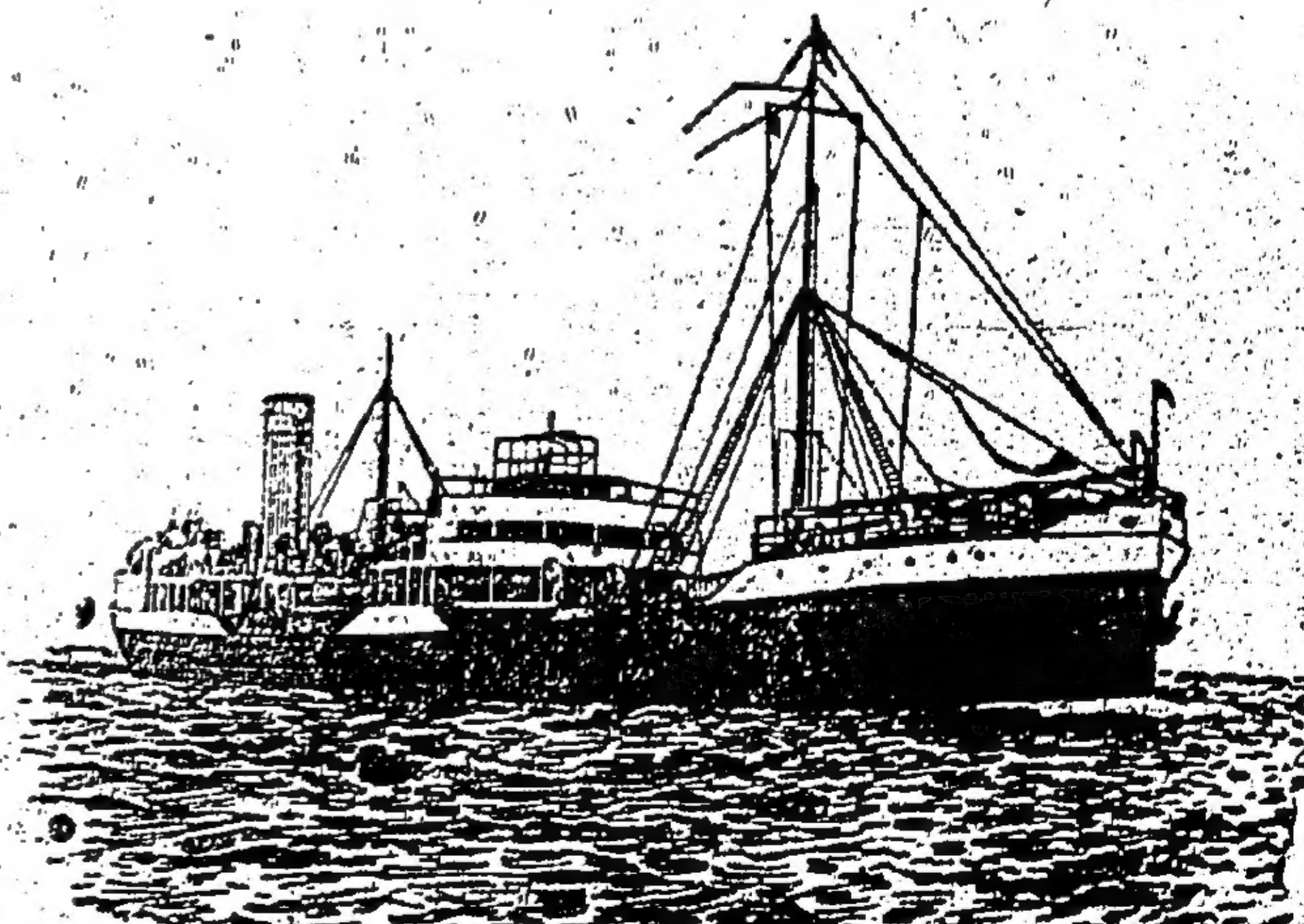
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ORANTILLY	9th Apr. "	11th May "	7th June "
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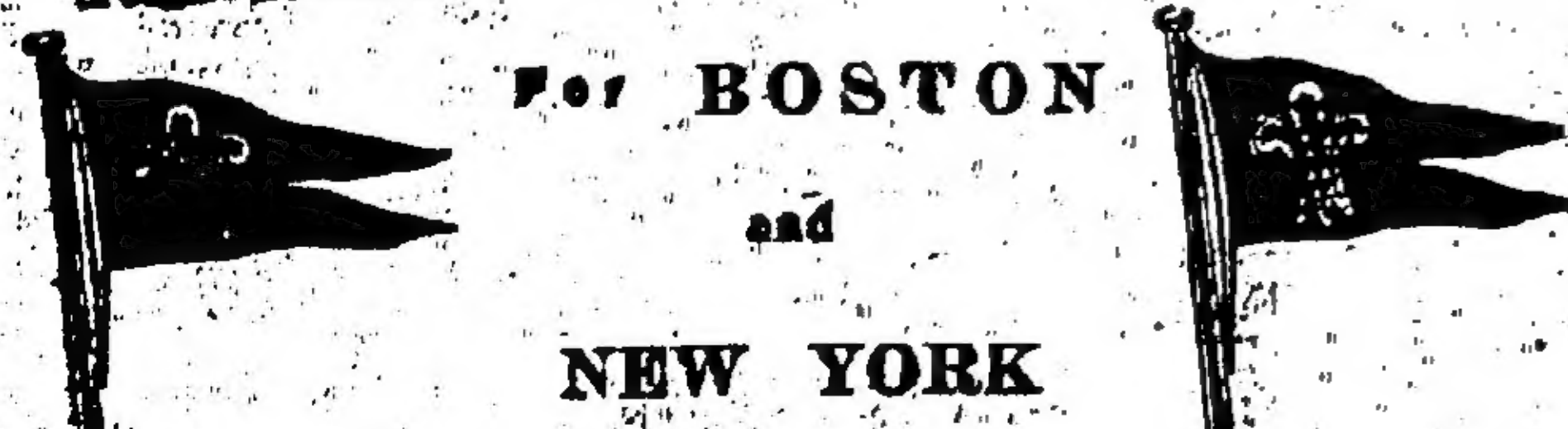
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May, Noon.	Marseilles & London.
"ALIPORE"	3,373	12th May	Singapore Penang & Bombay.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	16th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"SOUDAN"	6,884	28th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MOBIA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London.
"YACOTA"	8,284	31st May	Marseilles & London.
"SIOLIA"	8,284	10th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALYAN"	9,118	13th June	Mars. London & Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London.
"DELTA"	8,037	6th July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
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"KASHGAR"	9,008	3rd Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.
"SIOLIA"	8,284	2nd Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"NARKUNDA"	16,327	5th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KARWALA"	9,138	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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"MALWA"	10,941	17th Oct.	Marseilles & London.

**BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS**

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TALMA"	10,000	25th Apr. 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,000	1st May	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	7th May	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,238	14th May	do.
"TAIRA"	7,238	20th May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,948	4th June	do.

**EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)**

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th July	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Aug.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd Sept.	do.
"ARAFURA"	4,000	7th Oct.	do.

\* S.S. "TANDA" calls at Kolambagan.

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**SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN**

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"NAGPORE"	5,283	25th Apr. D.L.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"LABORE"	5,283	28th Apr. D.L.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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SHANGHAI, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO	"NINGHAI"	On 31st Apr. 4 p.m.
"TIENTSIN"	"TEAN"	On 31st Apr. 10 a.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"LINAN"	On 31st Apr. 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"SHANTUNG"	On 31st Apr. 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & NEWHONG	"TIENTSIN"	On 31st Apr. 4 p.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 31st Apr. 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"YINGHONG"	On 31st Apr. 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"SUNNING"	On 31st Apr. 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KALAN"	On 31st Apr. 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 31st Apr. 11 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TIENTSIN"	On 31st Apr. 11 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KURICHOW"	On 1st May, 4 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 2nd May, D.L.
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